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Remembering Those Who Served



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES were held on Monday, May 30th at several cemeteries throughout the community to honor the many local veterans who fought bravely on foreign soil so that we may maintain our free society. This photo, taken in the back of the Springfield Street Cemetery, shows flags placed next to gravestones to further honor our war dead. Members of the local American Legion and VFW conducted the ceremonies at the cemeteries and also led the parade down Springfield Street. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Task Force Study On Route 57 Hailed By Rheault

The Route 57 Task Force, established to draft a regional compromise on the 4.5 mile Route 57 extension today released an updated report on the committee's progress, causing Town Council President and task force member Donald M. Rheault to comment, "This is great news for Agawam. We are finally getting down to the final steps toward the completion of all necessary steps to make the much-needed extension a reality."

New Ramp On Garden Street

Included in the latest report is a new ramp on Garden Street to facilitate the newly planned Agawam Industrial Park. The WestMass Development Corporation is now marketing the park.

According to Rheault, the latest report addresses all concerns of the special task force. The 80-page report, drafted by Storch Engineers of Boston, provided the Massachusetts Department of Public Works with specific details addressing the concerns of the Route 57 Task Force.

The report also shows a higher traffic projection than what was reported in the 1979 negative declaration on the road. This projected increase is due to the planned Agawam Industrial Park.

"I see no reason now why we shouldn't soon be ready for the final public hearing on the road and then start with the formal land-taking proceedings," Rheault said.

The Storch report researched each of the concerns on the 4.5 mile extension that were presented to them by the task force. These concerns included: 1) the need for park and ride facilities on the road, 2) justification for four lanes of travel rather than two lanes; 3) on and off ramp locations; and 4) effects of ramps on local streets.

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Council Committees To Meet Next Week For Budget Completion

By Stuart Parker

Town Council budget subcommittees are scheduled to meet in full council session this June 7th and 9th to make reports of any proposed alterations and put the finishing touches to the town's \$20 million fiscal 1983-84 budget.

The budget, prepared by Town Manager Edward A. Caba and his staff, has thus far drawn little criticism, with only two citizens attending the public hearing on the budget last week.

As yet, no budget subcommittee chairman reports plans for any drastic changes to Caba's budget.

"The budget review process had gone very smoothly," Council President Donald M. Rheault today said. "But we won't know for certain whether any major changes are being contemplated until the nights of committee reports."

Of the two citizens which did speak before at the budget's public hearing, teacher Ann Bradford asked the council to consider use of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to off-set a \$100,000 deficit expected in the school department's budget.

Former Town Councilor Valentine Moreno requested that the council be careful not to allow future sewer expenses to appear prematurely in the budget.

The council is scheduled to approve the budget at its June 13th meeting, but has allowed for additional meetings to be held on June 14th and 15th should contentions arise.

Sacred Heart Dedicates New Field House



PARISHIONERS & MEMBERS OF THE Sacred Heart Athletic Association dedicated a new field house/concession stand on Sunday, May 19th in honor of Rev. Joseph Flood. SHAA Executive Board members at the ceremony were, from left - Bill McCarthy, Jack Patterson, Joe Munley, Father Flood, Wayne Page, chairman; Lois Smus, Juanita Vanasse, Phil Vecchiarelli, Paul Marei, and Jack Rioni. SEE RELATED PICTURE ON PAGE 20. Photo Courtesy of Wayne Page.

Council Seeks Tickets For Fire Lane Violators

By Stuart Parker

Town Council is proceeding with legislation that will allow ticketing of vehicles parked in fire lanes, following complaints from local merchants and the Fire Department that motorists are parking in fire lanes in and around store fronts with no apparent regard for the law.

Many members of the council argue that the only way to prevent parking in fire lanes is to give police the authority to ticket violators at the same \$15 fine presently charged for improper street parking.

The new legislation has received a unanimous council vote of support in its first of three readings and will come before the council again on June 6th for the second and possibly, the third and final reading.

On any ordinance, three readings are required with a two-thirds council majority needed before the ordinance becomes law.

If the new ordinance passes, it will not take effect until 60 days after final passage in order to give motorists the opportunity to become familiar with the new regulations.

Firefighters' Exam Scheduled

On June 25, 1983, the Department of Personnel Administration will be conducting a civil service qualifying examination for applicants for the position of firefighter.

The Town of Agawam is committed to act affirmatively in employing minorities and females as firefighters as well as other positions and encourages minorities and females to apply for this civil service examination in order to qualify for appointment.

Application cards may be obtained from the Department of Personnel Administration, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108 or from the Town Manager's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam.

Deadline for filing applications is June 3rd.

Labor Service Applications Go To Manager's Office

Effective immediately, all civil service labor applications will now be submitted to the Office of the Labor Service Director, located in the Agawam Town Manager's office, 36 Main Street.

Anyone desiring a labor service position with the Town of Agawam may obtain an application at the above-mentioned address Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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In addressing these issues, the Storch Report says that 1) the need does not exist for park and ride facilities on or near the planned Suffield Street ramp; 2) a four lane highway is safer than two lanes; and 3) the present design of Route 57 would have a minimal effect but the new Agawam Industrial Park would necessitate a ramp on Garden Street which is the only land-taking proceedings needed at the present time.

Melconian & Walsh Praised

Rheault praised the entire staff of the Mass. DPW for their support and recognition that a serious and dangerous traffic problem currently exists on the present Route 57.

Rheault also credited State Senator Linda Melconian and State Representative Michael P. Walsh as being "tremendous assets" to the process.

He said, "I cannot express enough gratitude to Senator Melconian and Rep. Walsh for their leadership and support in this matter."

Rheault also praised the Agawam Town Council and its special Route 57 subcommittee chaired by Thomas Coppola for "continuous recognition and unanimous support of this crucial highway."

The Route 57 Task Force was organized to resolve regional differences on the 4.5 mile Route 57 extension and after six meetings, the seven-member group voted 5-2 in favor of the highway and sent the above-mentioned areas of concerns to Storch Engineers for review and recommendation.

Rheault serves as Agawam's representative on the Route 57 Task Force. Other task force members include, Theodore DiMauro, mayor of Springfield; Walter DeFilippi, chairman, State Rep. from West Springfield; Francis Hoey, district highway engineer from Mass DPW; Steven Edelstein, assistant to the Secretary of Transportation and Construction; Jerry Spear, from the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA); and Marc Webb, chairman of the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission (PVTA).

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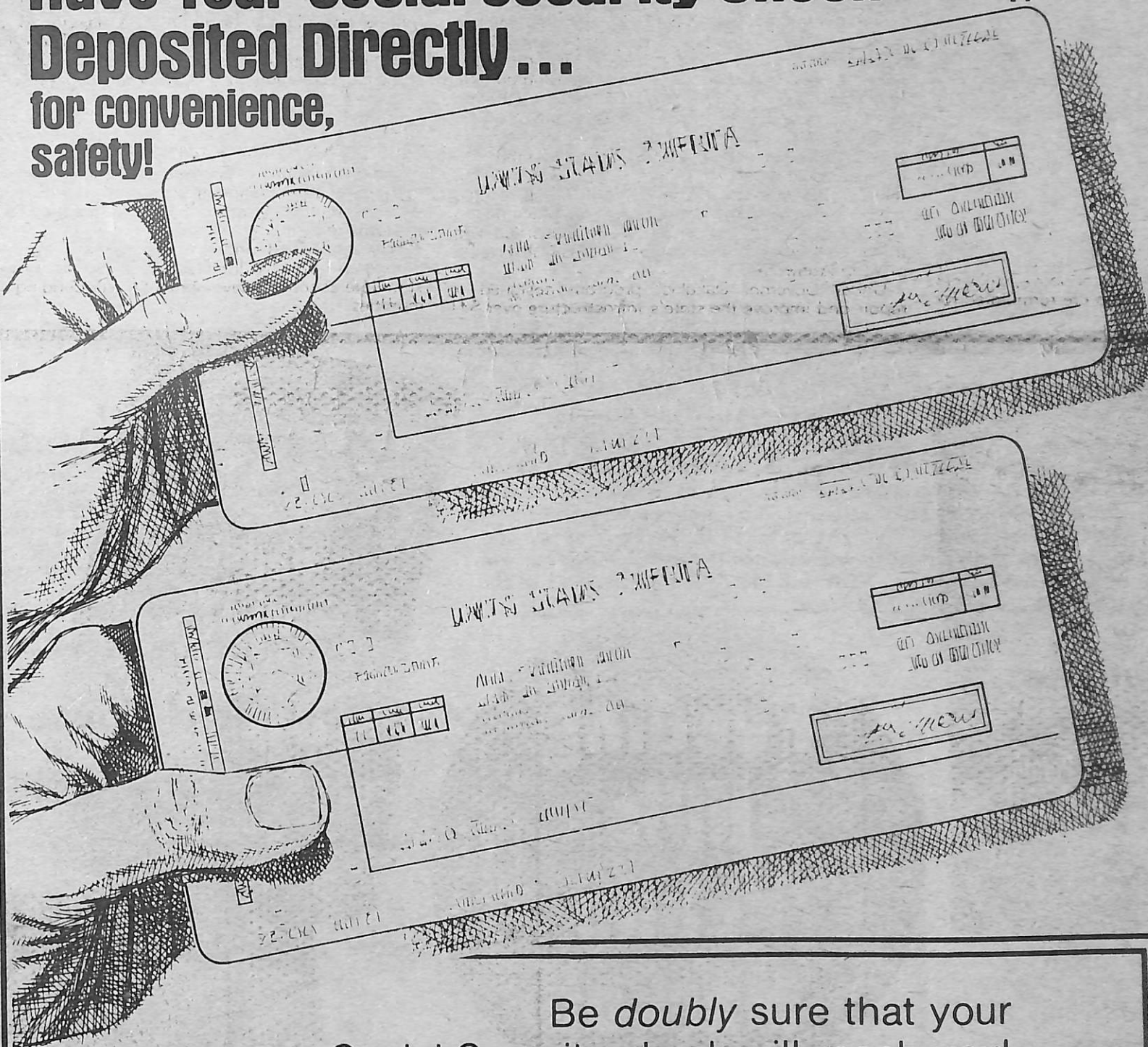
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FIRE-WISE

By Russell Jenks
Acting Fire Chief

How Hot Is The Water In Your Home?

Too many of us set our water heaters at 140°F. or higher. That's hot enough to make instant coffee right from the tap - hot enough to satisfy the owner's manuals of some elderly dishwashers. But that's also hot enough to cause a scald burn in as little as two seconds!

You can greatly reduce the risk of scalds, and save energy dollars, by turning your hot water tank down below to 130°F. - which translates to about 120°, a safe temperature, at the tub. Here's how.

For gas water heaters, all you need to do is readjust the thermostat dial. Use an accurate thermometer to be sure what temperature you're actually achieving.

Turning down an electric water heater is somewhat more involved. But you can still do it yourself by following these simple steps.

1. Check with your owner's manual or utility company to be sure you can safely remove access covers yourself.

2. Shut off the power to your water heater.

3. Locate the flat access cover on the tank surface and remove it. Your tank may have one or two.

4. Within the access cover you will find a paper or foil insulation layer. Feel with your fingers until you locate a protruding adjustment screw beneath the insulation.

5. Cut the insulation and spread it open a bit. You will see the adjustment screw with a thermostate scale around it. With a screwdriver, reset the adjustment screw for 125-130°F.

6. Tuck the insulation pack into place, replace the access cover and restore power.

Measure with a thermometer to ensure that you are achieving about 120° at the bathroom and kitchen faucets. Repeat the procedure above until this temperature is maintained.

Water hotter than 120-130° invites scalds, and does not make washing machines or dishwashers more effective. Even older machines, whose instructions may specifically require water at 140°F. or above, will work well with today's detergents which are formulated for use at lower temperatures.



STATE SENATOR LINDA MELCONIAN AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE MICHAEL P. WALSH (right) announced with Robert T. Tierney, commissioner for the Mass. DPW that \$600,000 in Public Works Economic Development Funds have been released for internal roadway work at the Agawam Industrial Park.

For Internal Roadway Work...

\$600,000 Officially Released For I-Park

Sen. Linda J. Melconian (D-Spfld.) and Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced that Commissioner Robert T. Tierney, Massachusetts Department of Public Works, signed an agreement releasing an additional \$600,000 in Public Works Economic Development Funds to the municipality of Agawam as part of Governor Michael Dukakis' "Job Bill" initiative.

Sen. Melconian and Rep. Walsh stated that the grant monies would be used for internal Roadway Development at the Agawam Industrial Park. The legislators said, "These grant monies are certainly welcome and will improve access to the proposed Industrial Park, thereby enhancing the growth of industrial development in Agawam."

Under Governor Dukakis' program designed to repair and improve the state's infrastructure over \$41

million has already been released directly to communities. Commissioner Tierney stated, "These funds will provide new jobs, and protect existing jobs, and will enable communities to support old and attract new industry."

Today's signing ceremonies at the State House is the third in recent weeks and including today's grants, 57 cities and towns have shared in the \$41 million. Funds under this program are released directly to communities with the stipulation the project has to be designed and ready for advertising within the 180 day mandate required by law.

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Obituaries

George A. Bonavita

George A. Bonavita, 78 of 55 River Road, Agawam died Tuesday, May 24th in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield Hospital Unit. Born in Springfield, he was the son of the late Antonio Bonavita and Philomena (Ricco) Bonavita. He was an Agawam resident since 1952. He was the owner and operator of the River Road Grocery Store in Agawam for ten years, from 1960 to 1970. Prior to that he was an upholsterer for Hampden Parlor Furniture Co. of Springfield for 35 years.

He was married to the late Anna (Ammirato) Bonavita who died September 17, 1980. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was an active member of the United Furniture workers Union Local 137 where he held the office of president for several years. He was also a member of the Agawam Senior Citizens Center and the Order of Sons of Italy.

He leaves a son, Michael R. Bonavita of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Barbara A. Brooks of Agawam and Linda F. Zielenski of Agawam; a sister, Anna Rovelli of Springfield; and eight grandchildren.

The funeral was held Friday, May 27th from the Colonial Funeral Chapel, 985 Main St., Agawam, with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial was in Agawam Center Cemetery. Visiting hours at the chapel were Wednesday and Thursday.

James C. Gentile

James C. Gentile, 91 of 252 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died at home on May 22nd. Born in Italy, he came to this country in 1906, the son of the late Guiseppe and Anna Maria (Chichile) Gentile, and had lived in Feeding Hills for many years. He was employed by the city of Springfield in the Department of Streets and Engineering, for 42 years, retiring 24 years ago.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. He leaves his widow, Anna (Stenta) Gentile; two sons, Joseph Gentile of Agawam and Michael Gentile of Feeding Hills; a brother, Dominic Gentile of Springfield; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Wednesday, May 25th from the Colonial Funeral Chapel, 985 Main Street, Agawam with a liturgy of Christian burial in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Springfield. Burial was in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Visiting hours at the chapel were Monday and Tuesday.

MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Thursday, June 2nd
Planning Board
Middle School Aud.
7:30 P.M.

Monday, June 6th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8 P.M.

Tuesday, June 7th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High Cafeteria
7:15 P.M.

June 7th and 9th
Budget Review Sessions
Junior High School
7:30 P.M.

Monday, June 13th
Town Council Meeting
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Parenting Program Offered By Baystate Medical Center

Childbirth takes only a few hours, but parenting lasts a lifetime. The job can be made easier for people who attend "The Parenting Experience," offered by Baystate Medical Center.

The six-week group of meetings, designed for parents of infants under one year of age, will be held on six consecutive Tuesdays starting June 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the main room of the Administrative

Office Building on Springfield Street, adjacent to Springfield Hospital.

Topics covered will include crying, play and stimulation, health, safety, family life, and discipline.

Parents are encouraged to bring their babies with them, and there will be time to deal with specific problems of the participants.

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FAMILY NATURALIST

By Kay Kudlinski

"Bananas?" Our toddler is confused.

"You'll see. Want to go for a hike?" Betsy joins us, walking close enough to be near the flashlight's beam, but tantalizingly "alone" in the night.

"Look up, Betsy." In the twilight skies, night hawks are hunting their insect prey. We can just follow their flight by flashes of white on their dark, narrow wings and the nasal "peet, peet" cries. Their call has none of the romance of their cousins, the whip-poor-will.

Soon bats appear. I can just hear their high-pitched squeaks as they navigate among the branches by mammalian radar. Hank lost all of his high-frequency hearing long ago, and Betsy seems to hear far more clearly than either of us. They too are scooping mosquitoes from the cool air.

"Bananas?" Betsy asks again, as I smear the ripe fruit on a tree trunk.

"Just watch." We catch a glimpse of a flying squirrel gliding through the trees. I once fed a wild one from my hand, but this squirrel is too cautious of us to show himself again.

Hank turns his light off. "Look there," he tells Betsy. We all squat to look closely at glow worms glinting in the dead leaves. Despite the glamor of the song, they are ugly little beasts. They remind me of a cross between a Chinese street-dragon and a nightmare, but Betsy is fascinated.

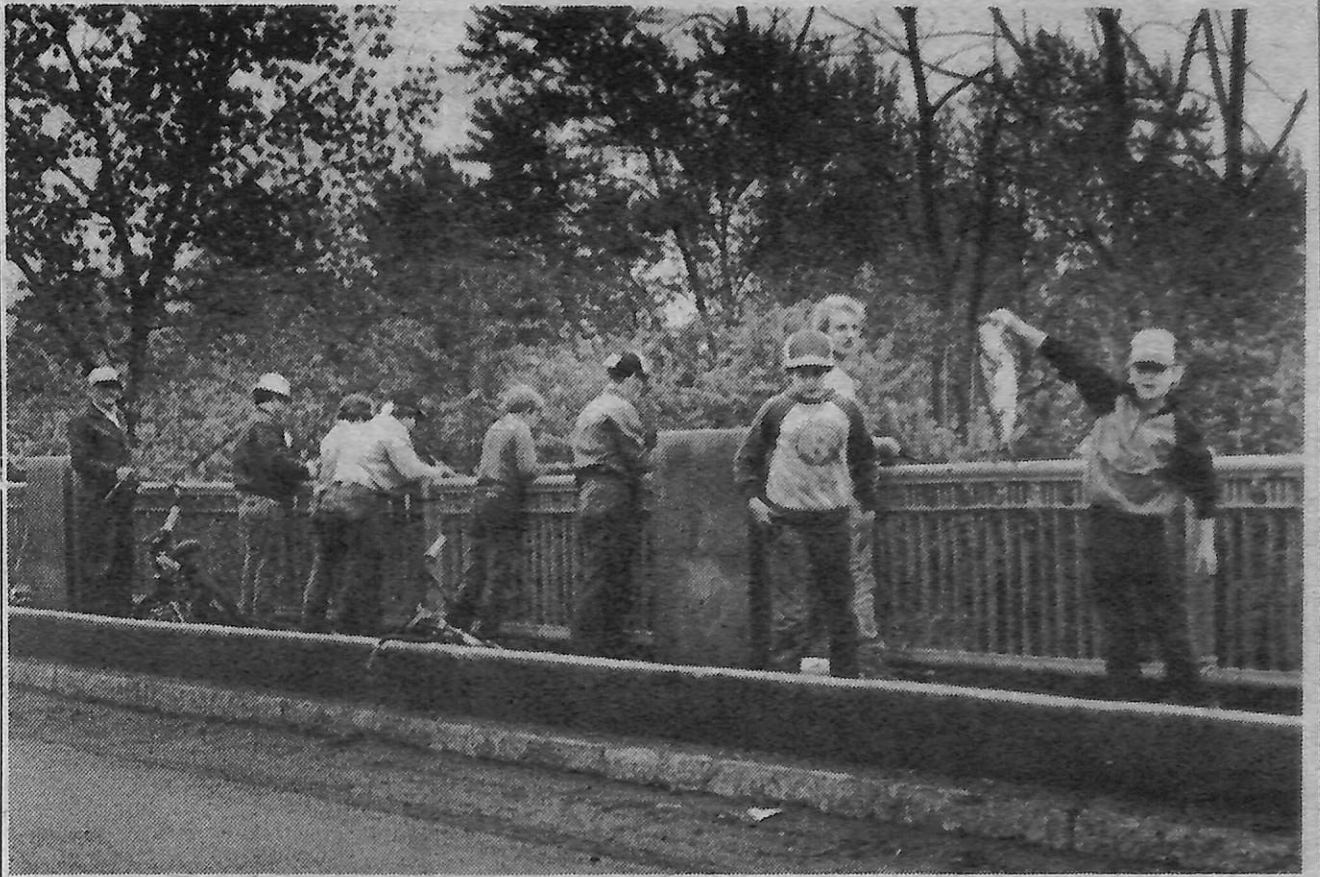
Lightning bugs flicker around us. Their flashes are precisely timed to invite only another lightning bug of the same species to a mid-summer tryst. We pause to smear banana on another tree, and stand quietly, listening to the forest stir around us. Mice and raccoons, beetles and deer wander confidently in the cover of darkness.

Betsy yawns and stumbles. It is time to retrace our steps and head home. Hank picks her up and turns on the flashlight as she nestles her head into his shoulder. "Wake up, Betsy. Look at this."

She glances at a tree trunk and suddenly is wide awake again. Crawling about the sweet banana pulp we had smeared on the bark are dozens of moths. The scent has drawn them from throughout the forest and their feast would continue all night.

"Ooooh" Betsy sighs at the beautiful confusion of wings on every tree heading back to the car. She is asleep before the key turns in the ignition.

Fishing Memorial Day Weekend...



...WERE THIS GANG OF YOUNGSTERS along the Agawam-West Springfield Bridge. The group is fishing for Shad in the Westfield River. Riley Lennon of Salisbury, Conn. shows off his catch to a passing motorist. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Free Pre-Retirement/Estate Planning Clinic At WNEC

A free clinic on pre-retirement/estate planning is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th at Western New England College.

The clinic will be conducted by the Rev. George Greenway, WNEC director of planned giving; Michael Serafino, account executive with the brokerage firm of Prudential, Bache, Halsey, Stuart, Shield; and Marion

Kahn, president of Kahn Associates, a group of financial advisors.

The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in Dining Room B, D.J. St. Germain Campus Center, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield. Attendance is by reservation only. For reservations or further information call Mrs. Wilcox at Western New England College, (413) 782-3111, ext. 346, no later than June 8.

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Social



JOHN NASCEMBENI, a member of the popular "Peanut Butter and Jelly Band" introduces one of the grease pole climbing teams at last year's St. Anthony of Padua Festival. Nascembeni's band will be playing at 5:30 p.m.

"Play It Again, Sam" At Agawam Library

On Thursday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m., the Agawam Public Library will present Woody Allen's *Play It Again, Sam*, a romantic comedy about an insecure young man whose wife has left him. Feeling rejected and frustrated, he tries to form a relationship with the wife of his best friend. Typical Woody Allen antics follow.

The movie is free. Children under five must be accompanied by an adult. The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper Street, and has access and parking for the handicapped.

Thurlstone Bell Orchestra To Perform At Agawam Congregational Church

The Thurlstone Bell Orchestra of England will be in concert at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, on June 24, 1983 at 8 p.m. The concert is open to the public and a free will offering will be accepted.

This orchestra is regarded as one of the finest bell choirs in the world. The members are all men and they ring 140 bells in all.

St. Anthony's Plans Festival For Patron

St. Anthony of Padua Church will celebrate its annual feast honoring its patron saint on Sunday, June 12th on the church grounds at Maple and Bridge Streets. Raindate will be June 19th.

Honorary chairman for this all-day event is Father Joseph Fellin, C.S.S. with general chairperson Barbara Peterson, executive office Terry Letellier, and publicity chairman Paul Ferrarini.

The working committee consists of Margaret Ardizoni, Eva Nascembeni, Aldo Francolini, Lou Scherpa, Bob Baj, Jim Reveruzzi, Frank Gatti, Joanne Beltrandi, Amy and Jo Lango, Norma Baj, Rose Baevich, Mae Balboni, Marcia Scherpa, Julian Urbinati, Richy and Joy Smith, Rosalie Napoli, Mike DeLucchi, the Gallerani and Labun Families, the Holy Rosary Society, and Clem D'Agostino.

Entertainment will include John Losito and the band Gemini at 2 p.m., a greased pole climb with men's and girls' teams at 5 p.m., and Bart Nascembeni's band at 5:30. The greased pole climb is expected to highlight the day as it's the first time ever that a girls' team will participate. These ladies will be coached by Clem D'Agostino and include Karen Bledsoe, Dianne Doty, Cathy D'Agostino, Karin Bouyea, Kim Krokenberger, and Kathy Guarente.

Procession Begins The Day

A solemn procession will begin at Sarat Ford on Maple Street at 10 a.m. and wind its way down Maple to Moore, to High, to Bridge, to Ottawa, back to Moore and then back to Maple to the church entrance. Leading this procession will be Agawam policemen with the Knights of Columbus fourth degree Archbishop Williams Assembly Color Guard, followed by Pat Rondinelli's concert band, the church choir, altar boys, the Holy Name and Holy Rosary Societies, the first communion children, and the 7-foot statue of St. Anthony. Also included will be former members of St. Anthony Society with its ladies auxiliary unit and church parishioners. Rev. Anthony Piazza, C.S.S. will be the procession marshal.

Father Fellin will bless the statue which will then be carried into the church and placed on the altar prior to a concelebrated mass. At the close of mass, small loaves of "St. Anthony bread" will be distributed to parishioners.

Drawings for raffle prizes will take place at the end of festivities. First prize is 3 days and 2 nights in Atlantic City or \$400 cash; second prize is \$100 cash; third prize is a one-year family membership to the Court House; fourth prize is a summer membership to the Court House. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of six for \$5.

Those sponsoring the White Elephant booth still need items. Residents who are cleaning attics or cellars are urged to donate anything they may not find useful any longer.

Everyone is cordially invited to bring their families for fun, games, and entertainment. Admission is free and parking is available at no cost.

Our Lady of Providence Center Plans Carnival

On Sunday, June 12th, Our Lady of Providence Children's Center will be sponsoring its 6th annual penny carnival from 1 to 4 p.m. The carnival will be held on the grounds of the Children's Center, rain or shine, and is for the benefit of the children there in residence.

Plans, at this time, include games with prizes, a raffle, clowns, face painting, balloons, pony rides and refreshments - all ranging in price from pennies to twenty-five cents. There will be an opportunity for kids of all ages to win prizes at such booths as "the wet sponge throw," "the mini-golf putt," "the dart throw" and many others.



Len Cowan, Pastor

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Our church school provides instruction in the Bible for those from age 4 to 14. This leaves you free to enjoy the contemporary informality of this service. Music ranges from the well-known hymns of the faith to the contemporary pieces.

At both services, the message is designed to offer you the encouragement you need for successful living. The topics we cover are things you face every day. We want to provide you with the support, inspiration, and the hope that you need to become all The Lord God intended and created you to be.

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Hi-Lighters Plan Dance In Stanley Park

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, June 11th at Stanley Park, Westfield, Mass. at 7:30 p.m.

Joe Portelance will be the caller and Lin Beatty will cue the rounds.

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MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

By Dorine Kubik

Happy Birthday wishes go to RIC SARDELLA, who will be celebrating his birthday today, June 2nd. He is the publisher and the heart and soul of the *Advertiser/News*, and all of his "friends and neighbors" certainly do wish him well.

Many thanks to ROBERT ROSSI of Hastings Street and to the members of the AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION for bringing to Feeding Hills "live on stage" music from the 50's. The highly entertaining show held last Thursday rolled back the years for many Agawam residents, and Bob deserves a lot of credit for his efforts in making this show successful. Standing room only crowds gave standing ovations to the entertainers, who delighted everyone by singing their most famous hits.

MRS. SHIRLEY LETORA's third-grade class from Peirce School visited the Little Red Schoolhouse at Storowton Village last Thursday. They pretended to attend school in the one-room building in order to learn what life was like for children back in colonial times. They were taught that "diligence is a virtue," and then each child was asked to bring a piece of firewood as long as from their fingertips to their elbows to put on the fire used to heat the building during the winter.

On May 23rd, a group of Middle School mothers baked goodies and assisted band director SCOTT THOMSON in hosting the Enfield Elementary Band at Agawam High. NORMA TURCOTTE, who is originally from town, led the Enfield group through several selections. Our band will travel to Enfield for a similar performance on June 7th.

More music was heard on May 25th at the seventh annual Strings Festival under the direction of DOROTHY HEGARTY, strings instructor for the Agawam system. Musicians from 4th through 9th grades presented 22 selections, and the evening closed with a full wind, percussion, and strings orchestra performance under the direction of DARCY DAVIS.

ROBERT BENSON of Coronet Circle placed first in all three BMX races held on May 20th and thereby moved up from the beginner's classification to novice. Robbie will be joining the National Bicycle League and is being sponsored by Bianco & Sons of Feeding Hills.

Former Agawam resident ROXANN DONATINI received her degree from the University of Mass. on May 28th. She is the granddaughter of MR. & MRS. NICHOLAS DONATINI of Feeding Hills, and the daughter of MR. & MRS. WILLIAM DONATINI of Westfield.

Another former resident, JO ANN DIDONATO, recently graduated from Moler Barber College in San Francisco, California, and is a licensed barber/stylist living in Concord, California. JoAnn formerly lived on Silver Street and graduated from Agawam High School. She and her husband Paul recently spent two weeks visiting here with relatives and friends.

Several Agawam men have died serving their country in World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam War. To show respect for these individuals, Memorial Day parades have become a tradition, not only here in Agawam, but across the country along with decorating veterans' graves and erecting monuments in their honor.

Agawam's youth turned out in force for the Memorial Day Parade held last Monday. Along with the reading of winning essays submitted to the contest sponsored by the American Legion, this poem was given to us for this column and was written by John Oxenham in 1917:

There was his duty to be done - and he did it.
No thought of glory to be won, there was his duty to be done - and he did it.
Wounded when scarce the fight begun, of all his fellows left not one; There was his duty to be done - and he did it.
Death's fiery hail he did not shun, fearless he stood, unmoved, alone, beside his eager, useless gun; There was his duty to be done, and he did it.
America be proud of such a son! Deathless the fame that he has won. Only a boy - but such a one! - There was his duty to be done - and he did it.

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Ida Birk Leaves Country View Manor



A GROUP FROM SACRED HEART CHURCH helped Ida Birk (front row, center) celebrate her last days as a resident of Country View Manor senior housing project with a luncheon on Tuesday, May 31st. Ida has been a resident of Country View Manor since 1964. Ida is 90 years old and will be leaving to reside with her daughter this month. She was presented with a silk flower arrangement as a remembrance from all her friends at the housing project. Pictured above are, Back row, from left - Freda Seymour and Mary Davies. Middle row - Lee Dion, Dolores Morassi, Mary Spinelli, Marilyn Morassi, and Mildred Parisien. Seated - Martha Draghetti, Ida, and Priscilla Furioni. *Advertiser/News* photo by John Loftus.

Juniors' Crafts Fair Slated This Weekend

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will host its annual Arts and Crafts Fair this Saturday, June 4th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 5th from noon to 5 p.m. Over sixty artists and exhibitors will demonstrate their skills and display their wares at the Capt. Leonard House on Main Street.

Thais Wright, an art teacher at Ames Hill Center for Gifted Children as well as in Agawam elementary schools, and Bonnie Moccio, an Agawam elementary teacher and previous judge, will serve as judges for the fair this year.

As in past years, a hospitality committee will be

available to relieve artists for short periods during the weekend show. Also, a food concession will be conducted by Juniors Terry Gallerani and Diane Leger. Hot dogs, hamburgs, soft drinks, hot coffee, and homemade baked goods will be available for purchase.

In addition to the plentiful displays of area artists and craftspeople, the board of trustees of the Leonard House will once again open their doors for guided tours during festival hours. The trustees have been extremely helpful and supportive of this event, which has traditionally been the major fundraiser of the year for the Agawam Juniors.

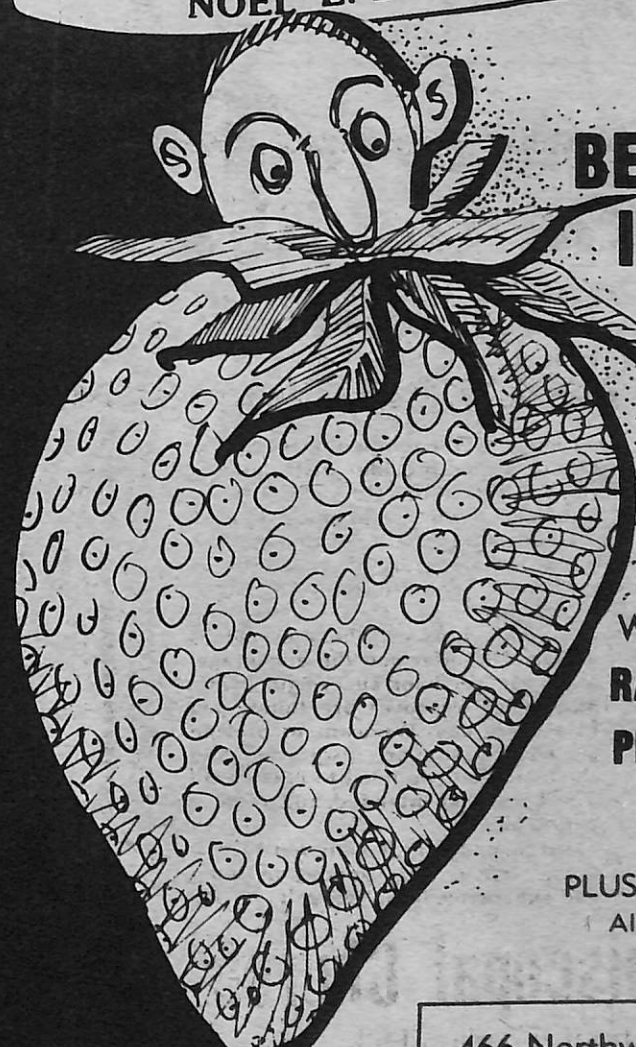
Arthritis Presentation At Agawam Library

Arthritis will be the topic of discussion at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, June 14th, at 7 p.m. Dr. David Miller, rheumatologist and medical board member of the Springfield Arthritis Foundation Chapter will give a presentation on the general types of arthritis and the most popular treatments.

Adding a personal viewpoint will be Maria Pissionary, chairperson of the Springfield Chapter, who will share hints on how to live with arthritis from day to day. Coping, arthritis support groups, nutrition, and exercise are some of the topics she will discuss. To pre-register, call the Agawam Library at 789-1550.

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Encore Players Present "Chicken Every Sunday"

Encore Players present *Chicken Every Sunday*, the hit comedy play by Julius J. and Phillip G. Epstein on June 2, 4, 10 and 11 at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.

Dinner theatre will take place on Sunday June 12, with a catered chicken dinner by Jim Dandy at 2 p.m. before the play. General admission is \$4, senior citizens and students \$3, and dinner theatre \$9.

Big E Begins Construction For New England Flag Plaza

Eastern States Exposition has begun construction plans for its New England Flag Plaza to be erected adjacent to the Brooks Building and Better Living Center on Memorial Avenue.

Big E officials decided last year to dismantle and relocate the giant slide which stood on the site for nearly two decades. The decision came out of meetings with the Memorial Area Beautification Committee.

The bi-level plaza will depict the six New England state flags in addition to the U.S. and Canadian banners. There will be a seating area and inlaid outlines of each state. The surrounding area will be landscaped and an ornamental iron fence will extend east from Gate 5 to the end of the Big E property along Memorial Avenue. New sidewalks and curbs will be installed, new trees will be planted and tree belts will be re-landscaped. Gate 5 will also have a new look.

The plaza was designed by architect John Walker of Agawam and is being built by Ciocca Corp., Springfield. The \$250,000 project will be completed by August 15.

The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," runs September 14-25.



"CHICKEN EVERY SUNDAY" is now being staged by the Encore Players as part of their dinner/theatre special. The event is being held at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue.

UNICO Plans Scholarship Dinner

Agawam chapter of UNICO will hold its 21st annual scholarship presentations at a dinner meeting open to the public at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street on Wednesday, June 8th. Refreshments are scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. with dinner to follow.

Nine Agawam graduates who will receive scholarships this year are as follows: Joseph Liberatore of 109 River Road; Diane Palazzi of 36 Trinity Terrace; Maria Kozloski of 102 Meadow Street; John Favreau of 90 Pleasant Drive; Michael DiRoma of 4 Alfred Court; Jody Dennis of 41 Hamilton Circle; Peter Borrello of 29 Forest Road; Karen Augusti of 46 Pleasant Valley Drive; and Kathleen Altobelli of 43 Mill Street.

UNICO believes that the ethnic inspirational value of these \$200 stipends goes far beyond their monetary value.

The outstanding local athlete being nominated for the UNICO National Brian Piccolo Award is Stephen Grassetti of 92 Riviera Drive, who was cited for distinction in heavyweight wrestling and All Western Mass. football.

A new feature of this year's coming-of-age event is the recognition presentation of an invited guest - former four-year national scholarship winner Jodi Ferraro. Ms. Ferraro graduated cum laude this year from Holy Cross College and was inducted into the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa academic circle. She will pursue graduate studies in analytical chemistry this fall at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Following the scholarships and short speech by Ms. Ferraro will be induction of officers for the upcoming year by Mass. District 1 Governor Michael Lopardo from the Worcester chapter. The Deputy District Governor from the Agawam chapter will induct six new candidates into membership. To close the evening, a drawing on the raffle of the color television set will take place.

Tickets for the dinner, including hors d'oeuvres, are \$15 per couple. For reservations, call Paul Cavallo at 786-7682 or James V. Bruno Jr. at 789-1400 (from 9 to 4) or at 569-6145 after 6 p.m. or President Paul Ferrarini at 786-9574.

St. David's Church Installs Stained Glass Window

For a number of years, parishoners of St. David's Church, Feeding Hills, have recognized the eventual need for permanent sanctuary windows. The present windows are colored plexi-glass, and while these have served well over the years, they have begun to crack and discolor and are not very fuel efficient.

Ruth Litchfield, a long time member of the parish who died last year, spoke often of the need for permanent windows. During her lifetime, however, this remained only a dream as the cost was always too great. Upon her death, however, a special memorial fund was established to enable the church "to step toward" the purchase of new windows which would be not only functional but also beautiful: an offering to the greater glory of God. Last summer, a committee of interested parishoners undertook to accept bids for permanent stained glass windows.

This past week, the first window was dedicated in memory of Ruth Litchfield. It features a background of deep blue, red, and rich purple surrounding a medallion which depicts the crest of St. David, emblazoned with a pure white dove descending upon the fields of Wales, home of the patron saint.

It is the hope of the people of St. David's that, just as the dove of the medallion descends upon the hills of Wales, so the dove of the Holy Spirit will descend upon the hills of Agawam.

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Thurs., June 9th
"Play It Again Sam"
Agawam Public Library
6:30 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., June 4 & 5
Arts & Crafts Fair
Main Street
10-5; 12-5 o'clock

Sat., June 11th
Hi-Lighters
Square Dance
Stanley Park
Westfield
7:30 p.m.

Wed., June 8th
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PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit

JEDI Big Summer Entertainment!

For the past three years, *Star Wars* enthusiasts have been waiting with bated breath for a second sequel because the first one, *The Empire Strikes Back*, left the fate of their heroes in a state of limbo. However, their wait has been rewarded because *Return of the Jedi* measures up to, and in some ways surpasses, the quality of its predecessors.

Return of the Jedi continues the adventures of Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), Han Solo (Harrison Ford), Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), and their human and non-human friends. This time, their enemy, the evil Galactic Empire, has created a new space station that is larger and more powerful than the Death Star which appeared in *Star Wars*.

To make matters worse, Luke Skywalker is undergoing a personal crisis of his own. His two mentors, Obi-Wan Kenobi (Alec Guinness) and Yoda (Frank Oz), tell him that if the Empire is to be destroyed, then he must confront and defeat its sinister Emperor and his righthand man, Darth Vader, despite the possibility that Luke may turn to the evil side of the Force because of this confrontation.

Like *Star Wars* and *The Empire Strikes Back*, *Return of the Jedi* is a glorious marriage of dazzling special effects and mind-blowing adventure. Director Richard Marquand (*Eye of the Needle*) skillfully coordinates each of the ongoing plot elements into an exhilarating ensemble that makes *Return of the Jedi* a spectacular moviegoing experience.

However, there is something else that makes the *Star Wars* saga special, and this entails the personality of its creator, George Lucas. After seeing any of the three films, you know that Lucas loves his characters and that he wants us to love them too. His universe of brave heroes, corrupt villains, exotic aliens, and interesting spaceships appeals to the child in each of us, and to enter this world of make-believe is fun. On the surface, Luke Skywalker, his friends, and their adventures are retreads of characters and plots from Buck Rogers comic strips, Flash Gordon movie serials, pirate pictures, westerns, and other sources of escapist entertainment. Lucas, however, has brought a freshness to these films and given them so much zest that they look like original stories.

One area in which *Return of the Jedi* surpasses *Star Wars* and *The Empire Strikes Back* is acting. While Ford has been consistently convincing and charming in all three pictures, Hamill and Fisher have come a long way since their rather corny portrayals in the first film. Like the other major characters, Luke and Princess Leia have changed through the course of the three movies, and Hamill and Fisher finally give them enough personality to take Luke and Leia out of the one-dimensional stock character category.

Besides suspenseful and funny scenes, *Return of the Jedi* also has several tender moments. Although the characters are living a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, they experience real emotions that we can identify with, and this aspect gives *Return of the Jedi* a more warm and human quality than its forerunners. However, this trilogy contains more emotion than a number of other science fiction movies, such as last summer's cold and mechanical *TRON* and the current 3-D fiasco, *Space Hunter: Adventures in the Forbidden Zone*.

Because of his successful movie magic, Lucas has made his characters part of our culture. While Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, and Princess Leia have been popular for the past six years, *Return of the Jedi* will ensure their stature for many more years to come.

Rating: 4 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

Agawam Repertory Theatre To Present "Sunshine Boys"

Agawam Repertory Theatre will present *The Sunshine Boys* by Neil Simon at The Court House in Feeding Hills. Donna Bliss is directing with Arnie Woods and Bob Duane starring as the ex-vaudeville partners.

A dinner-theatre is scheduled for June 4th and 5th with a full buffet served before the show. The Saturday buffet is at 6 p.m. with curtain at 8 p.m., while Sunday's buffet will be at 5 p.m. with a 7 p.m. curtain time. Tickets for the buffet-theatre are \$15.50. Show only nights are scheduled for June 2, 3, 9, and 10. Seating will be cabaret style with curtain time at 8 p.m. and tickets at \$5.00.

For ticket information and reservations call 786-7047 during the day, or 739-2111 evenings. Tickets may also be purchased directly from The Court House.

Arthritis Foundation To Meet In Springfield

The Arthritis Foundation Springfield Chapter Unit Support Group, will meet Tuesday, June 7th at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield.

The guest speaker will be rheumatologist Dr. David Miller who will cover two topics. They are "Latest Methods and Treatment" and "How To Cope - Attitudes."

The meeting is open to the public and ample parking is available. Refreshments and a social period will follow. For further information contact Ellie Reynolds, Agawam at 786-8672.

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

COUNCIL ON AGING MENU

Monday, June 6: Pepper steak, rice, carrots, apple crisp
Tuesday, June 7: Chicken, mashed potato, peas, plums
Wednesday, June 8: Hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw with pineapple, applesauce
Thursday, June 9: Macaroni & cheese, brown & serve sausage, cake
Friday, June 10: Clam chowder, grilled cheese sandwich, fruit cocktail

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Following lunch at 12:30 p.m. on June 8th, Walter Seifert of Northeast Utilities Community Outreach will explain the wrap up/seal up service available to elderly residents. Forms for such assistance are available at the Council on Aging's office.

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A Flag Day ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 14th, at the Agawam Council on Aging's activity room. Coffee and sweets will be served at 10 a.m. with the ceremony set to begin at 10:30. This event is being sponsored by the West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks and all are cordially invited to attend.

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Hypertension Clinics are scheduled for the following dates: June 7th for last names beginning A-G; June 21st for H-O; and June 28th for P-Z.

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Golden Age Group I will meet on June 8th and 22nd, and Golden Age Group II will meet on June 15th.

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The premium for Part B, Supplementary Medical Insurance is scheduled to increase to \$13.50 as of July 1st. However, the increase may be postponed until January 3, 1984. Since the cost-of-living increase scheduled for the July 3rd checks is going to be delayed, Congress has proposed delaying the SMI premium increase. Further data will be provided as it comes in.

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Reservations are now being accepted for Summer Day at King Philip set for August 1st. Call the Council on Aging's office.

Documents For Register Of Deeds

Total documents for the week ending May 20, 1983

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Mortgages - 219
Discharges - 161
Attachments - 6
Foreclosure Deeds - 0
Miscellaneous - 512
Total - 1,067

LAND REGISTRATION
Deeds - 10
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Register of Deeds

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THE LEGAL SIDE

By Thomas Locke
Attorney At Law

Buying & Selling Real Estate

Part I: Brokers And Listing Agreements

The purchase of a home, or any real estate property is often the single greatest financial investment made by a person or a couple. A mistake at this time can undo a lifetime of effort. A five part series of articles, beginning today with part I, will point out the principal considerations involved and their significance to the real estate buyer or seller. The series will attempt to explain the essential steps in every purchase or sale of real estate, including but not limited to, the listing agreement, the purchase and sale agreement, financing, title and title insurance, and the real estate closing. Precautions can guard against disappointments. The complexities and technicalities involved require the services of an attorney who can protect your interests.

An experienced, reputable real estate broker can be indispensable. A broker can offer a buyer assistance in finding the best home to suit the needs of a buyer subject to the legitimate concerns of the buyer, such as the characteristics of a neighborhood, schools, fire and police protection, etc.

Sellers who are familiar and experienced with the sales process and the local real estate market may choose to handle the sale directly. However, it is probably a good idea to retain an attorney and an appraiser at the outset to assist in their respective areas of service.

If a seller chooses to use a broker, a listing agreement will be needed. A listing agreement is a legal contract and its written terms will be enforceable. Thus such agreement and its terms should first be reviewed with a seller's attorney. The type of listing, conditions for brokers' fees, the fee itself, the effect of a multiple listing, the right for a seller to show the property himself, etc. are all points usually covered in a listing agreement.

There are several types of listing agreements which will be listed below with a brief explanation of its terms, liability, and services.

1. Open Listing: Owner lists property with one broker; owner reserves right to list with additional brokers; may allow owner to sell property directly; fee only to broker who procures "sale."

2. Exclusive Agency: Only one broker as agent to sell property for definite period of time; also allows owner to sell directly to non-broker prospects without commission to broker; terminates upon specific date.

3. Exclusive Right-to-sell: One broker as sole agent for specified period of time; broker entitled to commission no matter who sells within time period of agreement; if owner sells still a commission to broker.

4. Multiple-Listing: Group of brokers pool listings in order to give maximum exposure of property to potential buyers (Greater Springfield Board of Realtors); when sale occurs fee divided according to predetermined arrangement between listing broker and selling broker.

Any of the above agreements may be terminated by mutual consent, sale of property, or upon specified expiration date in the written contract. Your attorney will be able to help negotiate or draft a listing agreement to fit your needs and situation.

When a potential buyer is found, negotiations between buyer and seller begin, with the broker sometimes acting in the role of intermediary or messenger, delivering offers and counteroffers between the parties. The broker is the seller's agent and must report all potential buyers' offers and proposals.

The foregoing article is provided only to familiarize readers with general concepts of buying and selling real estate, and it does not attempt to provide legal advice. Professional legal advice is recommended for answers to individual and personal questions, situations and circumstances. Having such assistance and guidance is a safeguard that both the seller's and buyer's interest will be protected and their intentions will be carried out so enjoyment of home ownership will be realized to the fullest.

For a complimentary pamphlet entitled "Buying and Selling a House" please call or write: Locke & Jacks, 1365 Main Street, Suite 403, Marketplace, Springfield, MA 01103. Tel. 737-1112. Realtors requests are welcome.

NEXT ARTICLE: The purchase and sale agreement - transaction blueprint.

Agawam Chamber Sets June 21st Breakfast

First membership breakfast program of 1983-84 will be held on Tuesday, June 21st from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at Crestview Country Club featuring "Agawam's 350 Years"...an informative and entertaining look at our heritage by Pioneer Valley Historian and Springfield Daily News Editor Richard C. Garvey.

June business salute to Chriscola's Farm Equipment. Program will include welcome to new members, chamber program update and information on new postal services.

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IN THE HOUSE

By Michael P. Walsh
Mass. State Rep.
3rd Hampden District

The Fight Against "Lemons"

At some point or another in our car-owning years each one of us have either had or known someone who had possessed a real "clunker" or "lemon" of a car. This can be a most frustrating experience. It includes making a huge financial sacrifice to buy a new car only to have it repeatedly break down.

Called The "Lemon Law"

This year a bill has been filed by Representative William Robinson (R-Melrose), radio personality Dave Maynard, private citizens, and members of the General Court to deal with the problem of buying a faulty automobile. Hence, the bill has been called the "Lemon Law."

A similar law has been passed in other states and it only applies to newly purchased automobiles. The bill has already been heard by the Committee on Commerce and Labor where it has since undergone a re-draft.

Provisions included in the bill give any buyer of a new car, motorcycle, or truck for personal or family purposes coverage under the bill for one year or 15,000 miles, whichever comes first.

If a vehicle is in the repair shop for the same substantial defect three or more times, or is in the shop fifteen or more business days, the manufacturer gets one final chance, not to exceed seven business days to fix the car.

If the same substantial problem continues to exist the consumer can then take the problem to an arbitration hearing that is binding on the manufacturer, not the consumer.

The Arbitration Board in turn must have half its members appointed by the Office of Consumer Affairs and has 40 days to render a decision. Consumers not satisfied with arbitration may demand a refund, including sales tax, registration fees and financial charge, less an allowance for use. Also, "Lemons" may not be resold without disclosure that they were brought back under the bill.

Some of the supporters of the bill are dissatisfied with the re-draft, feeling it is not extensive enough. They maintain that if a manufacturers warranty is beyond one year or 15,000 miles, then the lemon law should apply for the life of that warranty.

Lie With Buyer

Second, the option to either refund a buyer's money or replace the car should lie with the buyer not with the manufacturer as in the re-draft. Also, they feel the bill does not require as much dealer liability to the consumer as it should. The dealership should act as the agent of the manufacturing company.

The lemon law is a much-needed bill in light of the countless defective autos and recalls that plague the consumers of this state and nation. Perhaps a bill such as this will force manufacturers to be more responsible to its buying public by building a better product.

This bill will benefit both parties in the long run.



TOWN COOKBOOK

By Mary Ann Govoni

Marama Breuninger has asked me for the Italian cookie recipe that my mom used to make. I can remember when she would make anywhere from 300 to 1,000 cookies for whatever the occasion would be. The ingredients are exact, but mom would add nuts or candied fruits. I do hope Marama and other readers will enjoy them. This recipe is at least 50 years old.

ITALIAN COOKIES

- 1 dozen large eggs
- 1/2 cup Crisco oil
- 1 stick (softened) margarine
- 4 tbsp. anisette flavoring
- 2 cups sugar
- 8 cups sifted flour
- 8 tbsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt

In a very large pan or bowl, mix eggs and sugar together, add margarine, anisette flavor, and oil; continue to mix. Add flour, baking powder and salt (mixture will be sticky). Turn mixture out of bowl onto floured board and continue to mix with hands adding more flour as needed until mixture is nice and smooth

(like bread dough). Break off pieces of dough and roll into at least a 12" roll about 1" in diameter and either make the shape of the letter S or twist and tie (use your imagination when making these cookies). Preheat oven to 350°; put cookies on greased cookie sheet and bake till light brown 10 to 15 minutes. Cool on rack and frost with glazed frosting. I like to use anisette flavor instead of water when making the glaze. The frosting may also be tinted different colors and decorated with colored candies, nuts or cherries. This recipe makes a large quantity of cookies. You may make half of the recipe.

NOTE: 1 cup chopped nuts or 1 cup of candied fruit may be added to the batter.

Please send your requests and recipes to 982 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.



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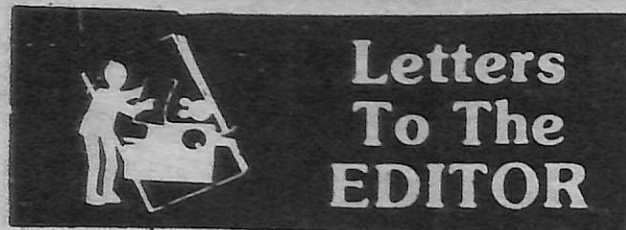
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Editorial



Letters To The Editor

What Is The "Booster Club?"

To The Editor:

This letter is in no way directed to those parents that are Booster Club members, it is to inform those that are not, what we do. We are a group of parents, always the same ones, that meet and try to find ways to raise money that will pay for the transportation of our children so that they can play the sport that he or she plays. We discuss ways and means to raise money for three specific reasons, one is the transportation, another is for scholarships, and lastly for their banquet.

I would like to know just where you think that all that money comes from. Let me tell you it comes from the hard work of a handful of parents that care; they work so that each child can ride the bus, get a scholarship and attend their banquet. I know that all people are not into "meetings" but to join the Booster Club does not mean that you have to attend each and every one; it is just one of the ways that we can raise money to do the things that have to be done. We would love to see more parents at the meetings, but as I stated not everyone likes that sort of thing. That's fine; joining is one thing, showing up for all the meetings is another. We get involved with the functions. Maybe we can't be at all of them, but one way or another we participate. What we are saying is that we care.

Your child is a person, doing something that he or she enjoys doing. They had to try out for the team and they made it. You don't have to try out, you can simply join. Get involved in any way you can. If possible, go to the games, participate in the functions, become a Booster Club member, know what's happening. Let your child know that they, as part of a team, have the backing of all the parents, not just a few. We understand that there are some hardship cases; we are more than willing to help them, but you can't make us believe that so many cannot, or will not, help.

Should the Booster Clubs fold and the town cannot pick up the bus transportation, where will this sports oriented town be? It is too late for this season, but please keep this letter in mind for the next; don't sit back and reap the harvest, don't accept the "free ride", we ask you please, help pay your fair share.

Louise Kunasek

Council "Messses Up" Sewer Costs

To The Editor:

Your news articles concerning the sewer cost problems illustrate the sorry mess our Town Council has made of this whole affair. The town administration has made significant changes in the original charges for the Phase II sewer project that would have been fair to all. Instead, several council members have chosen to make their decisions based on expediency and the advice of Agawam's political Albatross.

The whole council climate and their ability to make meaningful decisions could be changed for the better if several of our councilors would stand on their own two feet instead of blindly following directions given them by the Albatross. I would say to these several councilors listen more closely to the town administration and stop making decisions based on the advice of the Albatross.

The citizens of Agawam have soundly rejected the Albatross at the polls several times now. They do not want it meddling in town affairs. Honor their decision to be free of it!

It was easy enough for the council to raise their own salaries, but this sewer question requires real thought and "biting the bullet" as others have so aptly put it.

I would urge all Agawam citizens to check their water and sewer bills just recently received. Note the charges proposed in these news articles for future sewer services. See that it is going to cost you far more for sewer service than for water. Are all the citizens of Agawam being asked to "bite the bullet" and help pay for the sewers for a few? Let your councilors know your thoughts on this matter.

Oh, for the advice of a Solomon for our councilors rather than the advice of the Albatross.

Jack Lo Monaco
Shoemaker Lane

LEGAL NOTICE
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THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
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A petition has been presented to said Court for leave to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased. If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on June 14, 1983.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.

John P. O'Brien
Register of Probate
Published: June 2, 1983

Taxpayers: "Check Your Sewer Bills"

To The Editor:

Agawam taxpayers, please check your last sewer use bill which reads: "The charge shall be 90% of the metered water used at 95¢ per 100 cubic feet." The sewer charge is not 90% of your water bill. Please check your last water and sewer bills. Each bill explains the separate charges. Your council proposes to make all Agawam taxpayers pay for sewer installations that Feeding Hills residents petitioned to have installed and now want the other 7,000 residents to pay the costs through increased sewer use charges at a \$1.33 per 100 cubic feet, a jump of 38¢ over the present 95¢.

To figure what this increase cost will mean to you, the taxpayer, multiply the number of cubic feet you were charged on your last sewer bill by this new rate of \$1.33, and you will have an idea of the number of dollars your next sewer bill will be increased. You will receive a shock, I kid you not.

The betterment charge for the new sewer for these residents figured out to \$2200. They felt that was rather high so it was lowered to \$1800. The residents did not want to pay that. Then it was lowered to \$1200, then to \$1,000. They wanted to pay nothing, and now it is proposed at \$700.

Each lowering was by vote of your council. Each time the cost was lowered meant the sewer charge per cubic foot had to go up to all the other 7,000 taxpayers. We have all paid our sewer betterments over the years, whether directly or indirectly through one of the hidden costs in the purchase price of our homes. To soak 7,000 taxpayers for someone else's is not fair.

As quoted in an news article, Jack Shaughnessy, Dominic Candido, Thomas Coppola, Mario DeLucchi, Walter Kerr, Benjamin Lockhart, Peter Mazza, Dennis Roberts, Council President Donald Rheault, and Daniel Lacienski voted to make you pay for someone else's sewer by an increase in your sewer charge of 33%. The other alternative is to reduce the budget in excess of \$100,000, thereby denying the people of Agawam other needed services. Councilors Paul Paleologopoulos, Alfred Trehey, Stephen Cincotta, and Andrew Gallano voted against this reduction to \$700.

Perhaps it would be well to contact the councilors who voted to reduce the charges to see to it that those benefitting by the new sewers pay a fairer share of the cost which was previously charged at 33 1/3% instead of the 10% now proposed.

Your council could vote to burden you with this cost at the next council meeting June 6th, only one week away.

Harold E. Walker

Word On Sewer Betterments

To The Editor:

We, the Sewerless Homeowners Committee, would like to make clear what is happening regarding the betterment charges. The Ordent Amendment as proposed by Councilman Dan Lacienski reduces the betterment charges to \$700 is a positive step to achieving a fair and equitable solution for the Phase II and all future sewer projects; however, it does not include the connecting fee and the general benefit assessments totalling \$510 bringing the total cost to \$1,210. per home. We feel that this achieves the goal which the Study Committee agreed upon as expressed by Town Manager Edward Caba in a letter mailed out in November, 1981. Although this amendment has passed first reading by 11-to-4 vote, it still must pass two more readings. On June 6th at the Agawam Library at 8 p.m., the second reading occurs.

Carol Book

Sewerless Homeowners Committee

We Accept Legal & Probate Notices Weekly

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Town of Agawam will conduct a Public Hearing to discuss its Fiscal Year 1983 Massachusetts Small Cities Program Proposal on Thursday, June 16, 1983, at 6:30 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

Topic to be discussed will be the proposed North Agawam Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The three major components of this program include: A Housing Rehabilitation Program; an Infrastructure Improvement Program; and a Commercial Revitalization Program. The total grant amount requested from the Executive Office of Communities and Development is \$700,000. to be administered by the Agawam Department of Planning and Community Development.

Concerned citizens are urged to attend and offer input on the program. For further information please contact Deborah S. Dachos, Director of Planning and Community Development, at the Agawam Town Hall, 786-0400.

Published: June 2, 1983

SENATE REPORT

By Linda Melconian
State Senator
2nd Hampden-Hampshire District

Commonwealth's '84 Budget

Last week I reported on the most important legislative mandate of the Legislature: the review and final passage of the Commonwealth's FY 84 budget. During the week numerous statements by various government officials reflected the concern and controversy surrounding the budget. Unfortunately, these issues are given disproportionate media coverage, consequently basic budgetary information is left to the citizen's imagination. In order to correct this condition and give citizens a better understanding of how their \$7.3 billion tax dollars will be spent, I have listed below the governor's originally proposed major budgetary expenditures:

Legislative	\$33,016,985
Inspector General	88,273
Judiciary	205,980,993
Executive	7,961,275
Secretary of the Commonwealth	6,959,230
Treasurer & Receiver General	1,212,610,223
Auditor	7,225,800
Attorney General	10,282,723
State Ethics Commission	741,933
Administration & Finance	678,652,803
Environmental Affairs	140,125,691
Communities & Development	117,312,190
Human Services	2,919,682,926
Transportation & Construction	329,012,607
Educational Affairs	1,024,690,044
Higher Education	447,907,828
Public Safety	84,377,279
Manpower Affairs	15,293,426
Elder Affairs	92,842,217
Consumer Affairs	18,538,229
Energy Resources	1,209,826
Labor	8,208,501
TOTAL	\$7,363,518,002

Next week I will focus on the Human Services budget figures, which account for approximately 40% of the Governor's budget. As a member of the Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee, I am most familiar with the various programs funded under this section and would like to share this information with you.

Reserve Space For A Guest Editorial, Call 786-7747. Ask For Richard Sardella, Pub.

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 16, 1983, at 7:00 P.M. in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear public comments on the proposed zone change for Farm Credit Bank on Hunt Street. Begin further bound and described as follows:

The Zoning Map accompanying the Ordinance entitled ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM is hereby amended by establishing new lines and striking out the designation "Residence B" as shown on said Zone Map, and substituting in place thereof new lines and designation "Industrial A" insofar as said Zone map relates to the following described premises. The premises situated on the Westerly side of Hunt Street and Southerly of the current location of the Federal Land Bank of Springfield which is shown on a plan entitled "LAND IN AGAWAM, HAMPDEN COUNTY, MA SUBJECT OF PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE BY: THE FEDERAL LAND BANK OF SPRINGFIELD FEDERAL INTERMEDIATE CREDIT BANK OF SPRINGFIELD SPRINGFIELD BANK FOR COOPERATIVES SCALE: 1" equals 80.0' MAP PREPARED FOR ZONE CHANGE PETITION ONLY" which is filled herewith, said land being particularly bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Hunt Street, one hundred seventy-four and 83/100 (174.83) feet;
NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of The Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Springfield, Springfield Bank for Cooperatives, three hundred twenty-one and 78/100 (321.78) feet;
WESTERLY by Lots No. Ten (10) and Eleven (11) on Book of Plans 0, Page 80 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, one hundred two and 55/100 (102.55) feet;
SOUTHERLY by Lot No. Twenty-Three (23) on Book of Plans 0, Page 80, one hundred (100) feet;
EASTERLY by Frank Street, one and 56/100 (1.56) feet; and
SOUTHERLY by Frank Street and Lot No. Twenty-Nine C (29C) as shown on Book of Plans 68, Page 119 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, two hundred forty and 24/100 (240.24) feet. Containing 45,392 square feet.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
CHARLES R. CALABRESE, CHAIRMAN
PUBLISHED: June 2, 1983

School



MICHELLE MONTESI

Michelle Montesi Receives Coveted JHS Principal's Award

By Joanne Brown

In special assemblies held Wednesday, June 1st, at Agawam Junior High School, Michelle Marie Montesi was presented with the second annual Principal's Award, the coveted prize awarded to the ninth-grade student deemed by the faculty to have been the most outstanding student in the class for the two years spent at that school.

Principal Thomas O'Keefe presented the plaque to Michelle as a surprise at an 8:30 assembly for her classmates and then again before eighth graders at a 9:15 gathering.

According to O'Keefe, the faculty bases its choice for outstanding student on the following criteria: good conduct, good school spirit, good sportsmanship, good academic record, involvement in school activities, contribution to school and community, helpfulness and cooperation, trustworthiness, reliability, and promptness, and respectful attitude toward people and property.

In addition to demonstrating clearly all of the qualifications listed above, Michelle has been an honor roll student, a cheerleader, a member of the school's yearbook staff, chorus, and ski club. She was selected to participate in the Heritage Day program while in the eighth grade and has served as room secretary for Parents' Night.

Along with her school activities, Michelle has been a volunteer aide and bus monitor at Camp Rainbow, Agawam's summer day camp for special needs students, and has been active in various programs sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, such as helping out at their Big E restaurant, with the soup kitchen in Springfield, and with snow removal at the elderly housing project in Feeding Hills.

A versatile athlete, Michelle plays softball, basketball, and soccer. She also has studied dance for five years and has accumulated several awards through her projects in the Hampden County 4-H Club.

Michelle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Montesi of 12 Hendom Drive.

PAC Slates Elections

The Agawam Parents Advisory Council for Special Needs Children will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 7th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Junior High School library. Election of officers for the coming year will take place at that meeting.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Mon., June 6:** Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad, chilled spiced applesauce, milk
- Tues., June 7:** Hamburg in roll, sliced cheese, buttered steamed rice, buttered vegetables, chilled peaches in syrup, milk
- Wed., June 8:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven potato puffs, baked beans, chilled fruit cup, milk
- Thurs., June 9:** Ham & cheese sandwich, oven french fries, chilled pears in syrup, milk
- Fri., June 10:** Manager's choice of sandwich, buttered vegetables, applesauce, ice cream, milk
- Mon., June 13:** Manager's choice of sandwich, buttered vegetables, chilled fruit cup, milk
- Tues., June 14:** Half day of school; no lunches

Parochial Students' Parents Form Group

A newly formed group called PACE (Parents of Agawam for Catholic Education) has been established to investigate the possibility of a parochial school in the Agawam-Feeding Hills area for students in grades kindergarten through eight.

The group held its first meeting on May 23rd and began to plan methods for demonstrating the need for such a school to the Catholic Diocese of Springfield. Leaders of this group plan to conduct research on the growing number of families, both Catholic and non-Catholic, who would prefer to have their children educated in a parochial school.

Leaders of this new group point out that, at the present time, Agawam and Feeding Hills residents must send their children out to surrounding towns which have parochial schools in order for them to receive a quality Catholic education. They indicate that such enrollment has resulted in overcrowding of those schools and has put pressure on administrators, teachers, and children.

PACE urges any parents interested in a parochial school education for their children to attend their next meeting on Monday, June 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center.

For further information, please call Mr. or Mrs. Joseph Cleary Jr., 789-2164; Mr. or Mrs. Paul Schafer, 786-1985; Mr. or Mrs. Thomas Morse, 786-1693; or Mr. or Mrs. James Harnois, 786-9990.

Music Departments Plan Joint Variety Show

The music departments of the Agawam Middle School and Junior High School will present a variety show on Thursday, June 9th at 7 p.m. in the Junior High Auditorium.

Students in grades six through nine will present dance routines, vocal solos, comedy and novelty acts.

Tickets are \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students and will be available at the door. The show is under the direction of music teachers Susan Brown and Tamara Watson. Emcees will be Chris Rainville, David Jaskulski, Greg Haskins, Dion Berte, and Samantha Impoco.

Summer Courses Offered In Word Processing At WSC

Westfield State College will be offering three credit-free courses this summer on "Building Word Processing Skills" beginning June 8th. These intensive four-day courses will familiarize the registrant with concepts and equipment of word processing as well as develop basic machine operation skills such as entering, editing and printing text. The emphasis will be on developing skills in processing a variety of business documents. Registrants will be instructed on the Wang VS/80 computer.

The instructor for these courses will be Deborah Cushing from Westfield State College. Ms. Cushing has worked in the Computer Center at Westfield State College for nine years and is responsible for the college's word processor.

For further information and phone registration, please call the Division of Continuing Education at Westfield State College, 568-3311, ext. 224.

Business Education Institute To Graduate June 5th

Graduation exercises for Business Education Institute of West Springfield will be held on Sunday, June 5, 1983, at Ursuline Academy in Springfield.

Approximately 170 students will receive diplomas in the areas of Data Processing, Data Entry, Word Processing, Medical and Executive Secretaries. Included among the graduates is the first class completing its programs at the new school location, housed in the former Park Avenue School, located at 201 Park Avenue, West Springfield.

The Data Processing and Word Processing graduates of this class also have the distinction of being the first group to complete its programs utilizing the new school's IBM System/34 computers. For Data Processing students complementary training in the IBM 370-135 systems means that for the first time graduates have received training on both card and terminal access systems.

Graduation speakers include Mr. Kenneth E. Buckley, Systems Analyst at Smith & Wesson Company, and Mr. John Kalliopolites, a former graduate of Business Education Institute.

The ceremonies will take place at 2 p.m. to be followed by a reception for family and friends of the graduates.

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5th Grade Field Day "Rained" Victories

Despite adverse weather conditions which produced a slippery track and grass, the annual field day for all fifth graders in town took place on Thursday, May 26th on the grounds of Agawam High School.

First-place winners of heats in various events include the following:

40-Yard Dash: **Girls:** Michelle Amirault (Clark), Elizabeth Karjewski (Robinson), Joelle Theroux (Robinson), and Teri Voight (Granger). **Boys:** Michael Cook (Clark), Michael Keeney (Peirce), Mark Martin (Phelps), Martino Santaniello (Robinson), and Jason Zabik (Clark).

50-Yard Dash: **Girls:** Diana Bortolussi (Robinson), Melissa Brown (Robinson), Lisa Cosgrove (Peirce), Susan Jakubowski (Robinson), Dawn Matthews (Granger), and Cathleen Moore (Granger). **Boys:** Thomas Cabey (Phelps), Dan Costa (Clark), Bruce Nelson (Phelps), Eddie Rossi (Granger), and Tony Sufriti (Robinson).

60-Yard Dash: **Girls:** Gina DePalma (Robinson), Lisa Moccio (Robinson), Maureen O'Keefe (Peirce), and Karen Patterson (Robinson). **Boys:** Chad Blackak (Granger), Brian Hill (Phelps), Tom LaRoche (Phelps), and Jerry Parrotta (Robinson).

Girls' 220: Michele Bilodeau (Phelps), Kristine Kostopulos (Clark), Karen Paquette (Granger), Karen Runshaw (Granger), and Brenda Schubach (Phelps).

Boys' 330: Joe Cardaropoli (Phelps), Scott Dinsmore (Robinson), Dan Harpin (Phelps), Nicholas Korniotis (Clark), Chris Mahoney (Clark), Chris Paltz (Clark).

FIELD EVENTS

Girls' Long Jump: Cathy Scaggs (Robinson), 1st; Tina Sheehan (Granger), 2nd; Kristy Berard (Robinson), 3rd; Tonya Tabin (Clark), 4th.

Boys' Long Jump: Jeff West (Clark), 1st; Tony Mancuso (Granger), 2nd; Manny Poulos (Robinson), 3rd; Kurt Cormier (Phelps), 4th.

Girls' High Jump: Melissa Gabourey (Clark), 1st; Karen Hanson (Granger), 2nd; Tara Camyre (Robinson), 3rd; and Jennifer Barrett (Clark), 4th.

Boys' High Jump: Charlie Weber (Peirce), 1st; Gregg Converse (Peirce), David Noonan (Peirce), and Chris Brown (Clark), tied for second.



FIFTH-GRADE GIRLS are a blur of motion in the cartwheel race during the annual field day held last Thursday at Agawam High. Sherri Badone and Kim Mutti from Phelps School eventually won the race.

Wheelbarrow: **Girls:** Stephanie Palazzi and Amy Austin (Clark). **Boys:** Tim Coffey and David Dean (Phelps).

Frisbee Throw: **Girls:** Lisa Theoclis (Clark), 1st; Alicia Zonis (Robinson), 2nd; Nicole Daigneau (Clark), 3rd; Jennifer Hinkling (Robinson), 4th. **Boys:** Chris Mahoney (Clark), 1st; Kevin Miller (Robinson) and Ray Simons (Robinson), tied for 2nd; Richard Settle (Peirce), 3rd; Alan Porowski (Robinson) and David Pisano (Peirce), tied for 4th.

Softball Throw: **Girls:** Jean Carrie (Robinson), 1st; Kelly Jones (Clark), 2nd; Glenna White (Granger), 3rd; Cheryl Czepiel (Clark), 4th. **Boys:** Robert Casey (Robinson), 1st; Robert West (Peirce), 2nd; Tim Coffey (Phelps), 3rd; Chris Jarvis (Granger), Carm Mazza (Granger), and Mike Morassi (Robinson), tied for 4th.

Three-Legged Races (1st Places): **Girls:** Tracy Chaderton/Nicole Vicenzi (Robinson); Tiffany

O'Kane/Chrissie Filkowski (Robinson); Chrissey Weber/Tammy Wrigley (Granger); Elizabeth Phelps/Stacy Boliski (Granger); Jenna Cardaropoli/Lisa Fratini (Granger). **Boys:** Frank Maniscalco/Peter Griffin (Robinson).

Cartwheel: Kim Mutti/Sherri Badone (Phelps). **Sack Races (1st Places):** Steve Adams (Clark), Kim Bishop (Peirce), Chris Cosgrove (Granger).

CLASS EVENTS

Relay Race: Granger Room 19, 1st; Granger Room 11, 2nd; Robinson Room 12, 3rd; and Robinson Room 20, 4th.

Obstacle Course: Robinson Room 12, 1st; Robinson Room 20, 2nd; Peirce Room 1, 3rd; and Robinson Room 19, 4th.

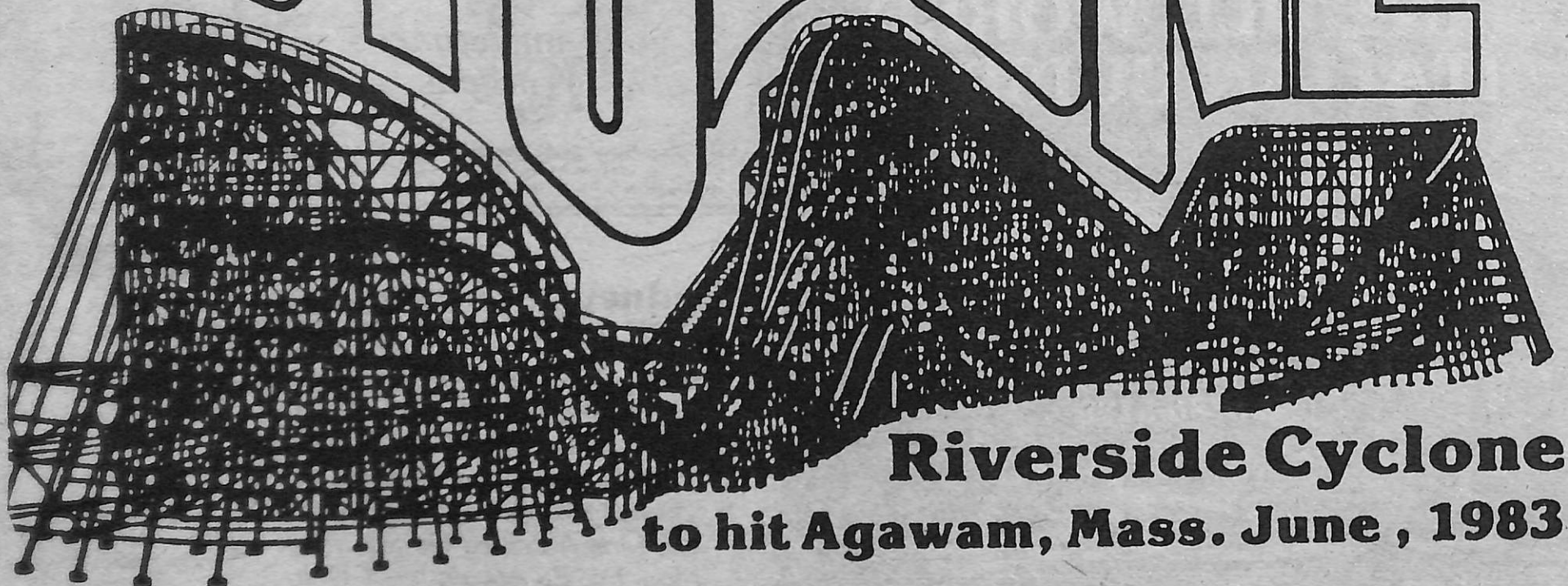
Tug Of War: Phelps Room 13, 1st; Phelps Room 15, 2nd; Peirce Room 1, 3rd.

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SCOTT RUSSELL

Local Students Top Regional Contest

By Joanne Brown

On June 10th, three creative Agawam elementary students will travel to Boston to participate in formal ceremonies honoring their winning entries in the 11th annual Elementary Education Ecology Poem and Poster Contest sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

According to Paul G. Keough, regional administrator for the U.S.E.P.A., teachers are asked to discuss environmental issues with their students in January and February. Follow-up poems or posters centered on environmental themes may then be submitted for judging.

Each of the three local poets is among the 100 students selected for highest honors from among thousands of entries from all over New England. Plaques will be awarded to each in a special ceremony slated for the Park Plaza Hotel next Friday.

The two third-grade students of Mrs. Catherine Camara at Robinson Park School who won top honors are Shannon Scarlett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Scarlett of 136 Robin Ridge Drive, and Nova Bonzek, daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Bonzek of 12 Tower Terrace.

Scott Russell, a fourth-grade student of Mrs. Anna Crean at Phelps School, is the third local winner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Russell of 756 Suffield Street.

If I Were An Endangered Species
It would be like having a long bad day just before the death of us all.
We would feel more than just awful.
It would be like being in the bloody arms of the devil trying to kill God with everyone else helping.
It would be like being worse than used.
It would be like no good days any more with not even a drop of light - always dark.
It would be like everyone dying all at once.
It would be like sleeping on a bed of fire all the time without food, air, light, people or love.
It would be like no one around - no love, and no warmth of love.
It would be like crying till our death.

BY NOVA BONZEK

If I Were An Endangered Species
An endangered species am I.
Where do I go?
There is no place to hide.
The feeling is like an eagle being hunted.
It is like the wind taking the place of a sunny day.
It is a feeling of death all around you, you hide but someone senses you.
The sound of gunshots are coming from the midst.
It is the taste of poison and the smell of death.
It's like you're getting killed with the world all around you filled with darkness.
You want to hide but you are too frightened.
You forget all about thinking and all you want to do is run.
All the earth would be is a globe of darkness.

BY SHANNON SCARLETT

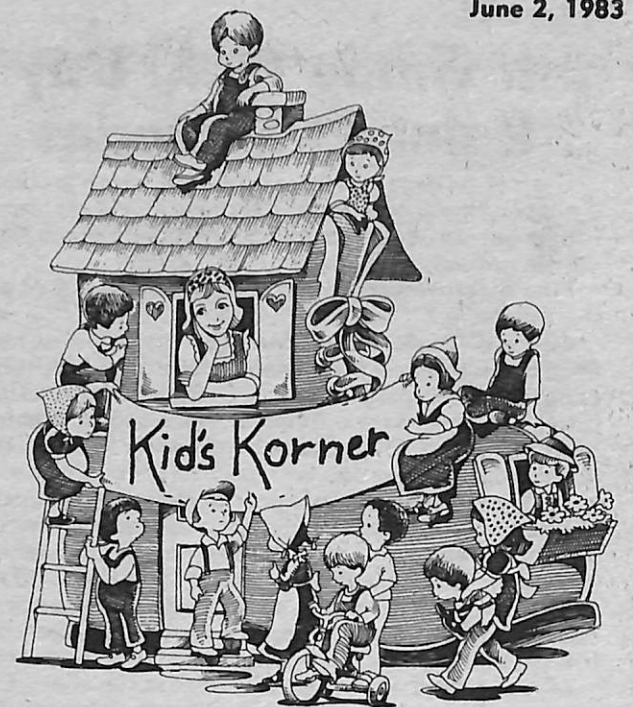
Eagles

Eagle, eagle in the sky,
Hurry, hurry run and hide.
Do not stop or turn back,
There's a person on your track.

Hide in the mountains,
Hide in the sky,
Whatever you do, stay up high.

Don't come back until your enemy is far away.

BY SCOTT RUSSELL



Rattlesnake Mountain

By Michael McElligott
Grade 4, Granger School

Chapter I: Getting Ready

Friday after school Tom said, "Let's go for a hike." Everybody agreed.

Chris said, "I'm not afraid, let's go to Rattlesnake Mountain."

"Rattlesnake Mountain?" John asked very scared.

Tony said, "I'll go if Dad comes."

Later after supper, Tony and John said they would go.

The next day inside the house, they asked if they could go. Mother said, "I'll think about it."

While they were playing games, Mother came in and said, "You guys can go."

Tom said, "Let's start planning." The other guys said, "We don't have to plan."

Tom yelled, "We have to plan or we won't know what to do."

They sighed, "Okay, we will plan."

"That's great," said Tom happily. "We will start now."

Chapter II: The Danger Hike

When they got up the next morning, they dressed and put everything in the car. Their mother came out and got in the car. They were on their way.

"Okay, boys, we are here," Mom said quietly.

After two hours of hiking, they were at the top.

Tom said, "I'm getting hungry, let's eat."

"Don't move!" Tony yelled. "There's a snake."

"Do something, Tom," John yelled.

"John, watch out," Chris yelled excitedly.

"I've been bitten," John screamed.

As the snake left a helicopter flew over the woods.

Chris helped John lay down and rest.

Tom yelled, "Let's start a little fire. Go get some rocks and a bucket of water. We will use the rocks to put around the fire and use the water if the fire gets too big."

"There's the helicopter," Tony said.

"It saw us," yelled Tom. "He said he would be back soon."

Chapter III: Saved By The Helicopter

After a little while the helicopter came back. Two men were sent down.

"The helicopter is here," Chris yelled.

"Hey, you kids, is anybody hurt?" one of the men said, asking Tom.

"Only one person is hurt, he was bitten by a snake," Tom replied.

"Hey, Scott, a kid was bitten by a snake, get the hammock to pull him up," Joe told Scott.

When everybody was in the helicopter, they told Mom to meet them at the hospital.

The doctor said that John would be fine, the snake wasn't poisonous.

When John came home, everybody was very happy. They never went back to Rattlesnake Mountain again.

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Fresh Air Fund Plans For Summer 1983

Once again, the Fresh Air Fund is looking for host families to provide two week vacations for New York City children. The children will arrive on Wednesday, July 13th this year.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the program, an open house is planned for Monday, June 6th at the YMCA on Court Street in Westfield from 7 to 9 p.m. At the open house a new film entitled, "Carla, Our Daughter" will be shown. It is a film of an actual Fresh Air child in her New York environment and the transformation which takes place with her host family in their Connecticut hometown. Local host families will also be present to discuss their experiences. Refreshments will be served.

The local Fresh Air Fund committee is also planning a giant tag and bake sale on June 4th at the VFW on South Street in Agawam. The funds raised will be used to help defray the expenses of the committee and to help pay for the annual picnic which is held during the kids' stay in July.

Anyone wishing to contribute either tag sale goods or baked goods may call 569-5028 or 569-6309 to arrange for pickup or directions to drop-off locations. This will be the first attempt at a major fundraiser, and we are hoping for a tremendous success. Any help will be appreciated.

Local PWP Available To Help Single Parents

Your local Parents Without Partners chapter offers a wide range of activities to help the single parent and family live a better life. Activities range from family events to discussions, dances, and trips and are always fun or interesting.

Participating in the planning and running of these events is one way to meet people who share your lifestyle and family situation. Members of Chapter 990 ask that any single parents consider joining their group and to begin to make new friends.

Orientation sessions are held every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills. Single parents from the Southwick, Suffield, and Agawam area are welcome to attend to find out more about this social, educational, supportive organization. Further information may be obtained by calling Myrt Meunier, vice-president, at (413) 562-5039.

AHS Faculty Frolics Slated



FACULTY MEMBERS AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL have spent several weeks preparing an entertaining series of skits, dance routines, and genuine fun for their first annual Faculty Frolics. The evening of festivities is slated for Friday, June 10th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at AHS. Rumor has it that some of the most attractive legs on dancers in the Rockette-style kickline will belong to several husky male teachers. All are invited to attend; tickets cost \$2 each and will be available at the door.

Above, in a not-so-typical courtroom scene, guidance counselor Paul Cavallo, second from left in dress and tights, pleads his case to Judge Rudy Altobelli, seated. English teachers Jim White, left, and John Petrone, center right, don't seem to care very much for Cavallo's circumstances. Photo by Jack Devine.

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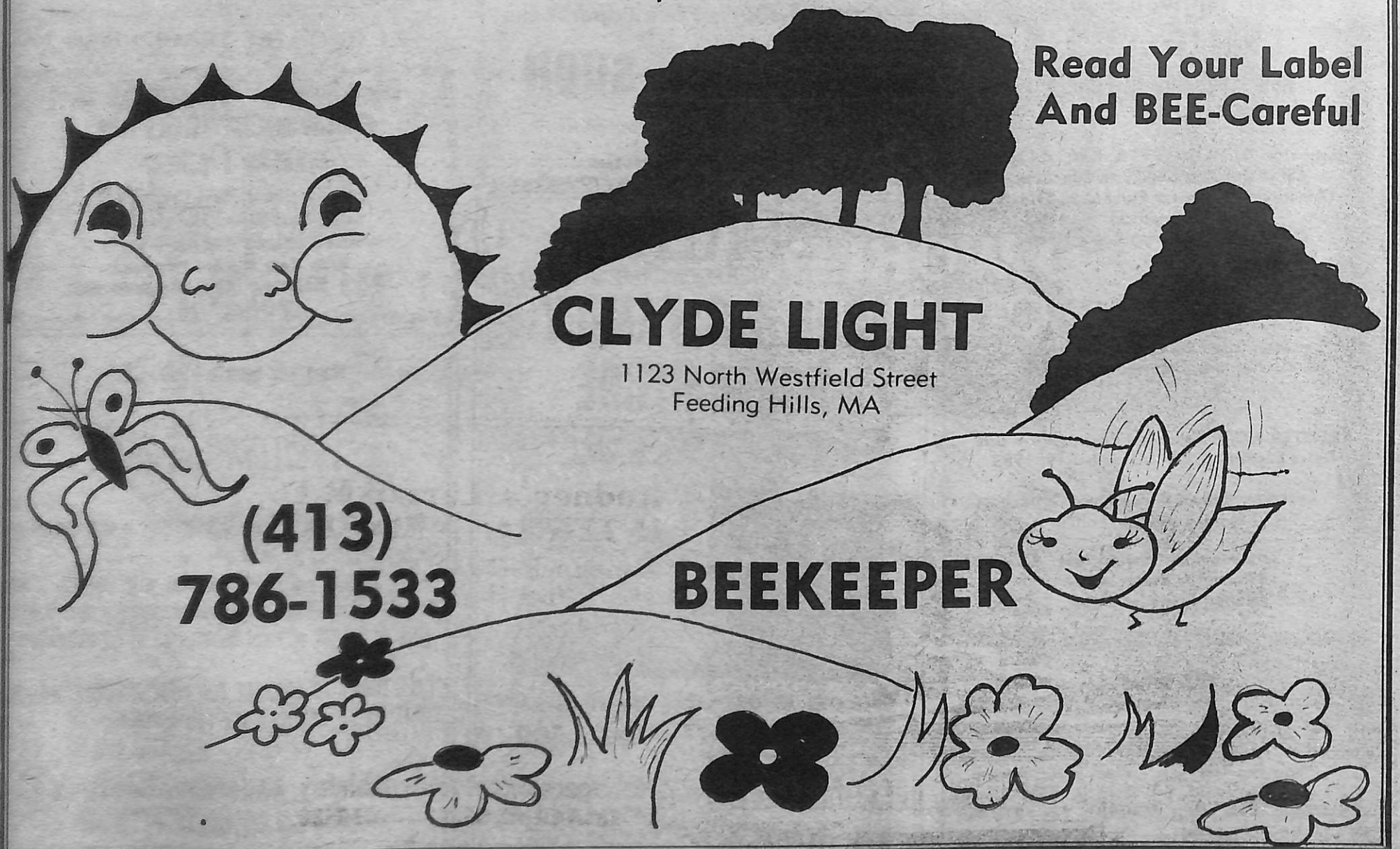
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THE 1983 DIVISION ONE SCHOOLBOY TRACK CHAMPIONS OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL.

Photo courtesy of Agawam High School Sachem Staff.

AHS Rules Division I Track!

By Bob Hrycay

Before last Saturday's Western Mass Division I meet at Springfield College, Agawam High track and field coach Gus Young had a notion that his boys were in for a fun day. He didn't know how right he would be.

In the end he would be carted around the Blake Field track on the shoulders of his Brownie strongmen after they pulled-out a heartstopping victory for Agawam's first-ever Division I track title.

Total Team Effort

It was a total team effort that carried the locals to their half point (77½ - 77) win over arch-rival West Springfield. In true storybook fashion, Young stood over-come with happiness, saying, "I'm going to wake up in the morning and it's going to be a dream. I still don't believe it. Just don't wake me up."

Trailing Putnam 67-64½ going into the final events, (pole vault and mile relay), the Brownies got clutch performances from Tony Demos, Scott Cofer, Mike Beaudette, and Steve Young.

While nearly everyone was keeping their eyes on the

excitement happening on the track, Demos and Cofer were quietly putting their team back in front with their clutch vaulting.

"That was a miracle," said Young of Demos' second place 10.6 foot jump, some six inches over his previous best launch. That came from a kid who's status was questionable earlier in the season because of a sprained ankle.

Demos earned eight points for his team, while Cofer added one more with a fifth place lead of 10.0 feet.

"When they brought word over that we had received nine points in the pole vault, it psyched our relay team up," Young related.

With West Springfield, Chicopee Comp, and Cathedral finishing a strong one, two, three in the opening heat, the Brownies' mission was to go four-for-four. Fourth place meant four points and the title. On a day when the cards came out right, the Brownies dealt aces.

But it wasn't easy. With Steve Wands and Mike

Karam carrying the baton through the first half mile, the Brownies hopes looked dim as Putnam grabbed a wide lead.

Waiting in the wings were Beaudette and Young, a pair of four-year veterans determined not to let the crown slip away. They both ran their fastest quarter miles with Young doing it with a badly injured thigh.

Beaudette made-up a good portion of the margin before handing the stick to Young, who anchored a blistering charge past a Putnam runner in the home stretch. Young broke the tape in first place to be mobbed by his teammates. The Brownies' time of 3:37 nosed-out Classical's 3:38.9 and Putnam's 3:37.

On a day when every point counted, the Brownie coach told his jubilant group, amid the celebration, "Anyone who scored a point today - thank you. And you guys who scored eight or ten - you were alright too."

In the early going in the field events, Agawam broke out of the pack on the strengths of first place performances by Jeff Losito and Dean Leclerc.

Losito outgunned Cathedral strongman Dan Davis for the second consecutive week to take the shotput at 46.11½ feet. Eric Lunden pitched in a point with a sixth place showing of 43.3 feet.

Leclerc, who Young predicted would cut loose, took

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first in the high jump at 6-4, tying his previous best set at West Springfield. More importantly, Leclerc wasn't the only Brownie leaping brilliantly over the bar. Sophomore Dave Bartnik soared at his best height at 6.2 feet to take second while John Losito took fourth at 6.0 feet.

As Leclerc explained, this trio worked together beautifully. "The best thing was that we'd watch each other in practice and help each other do better." One of the pointers Leclerc picked-up from his teammates was to try a faster takeoff. It worked.

Later, Leclerc would laugh, "After I break the school record next year (6.6 1/4 feet), Bartnik will break that the following year."

Young, always gracious in victory and defeat, remarked, "They're all coming back and I'm tickled pink. The high jumpers are beautiful. They all jumped over six feet. You can't ask for anything more than that."

In other field events, the locals received valuable points from Doug May in the discus (sixth) and Steve Young in the long jump (fifth at 19.9 feet).

Among the runners, Young and Kevin Atkinson nailed-down fourth and sixth in the 220 with respective times of 24.1 and 24.5. The Brownies also placed twice in the 120 high hurdles where Jeff Losito's 16.4 seconds and Ken Cuffee's 16.6 were good for third and fifth, respectively.

After winning the 330 low hurdle trials, senior Dave Stratton duelled with his friend, Broderick Parr of Classical. Parr won the final heat in 40.4 to beat Stratton's 41.2.

Stratton's varsity hockey teammate Mike Lazazzera, who's off to Worcester Academy this fall, came home fourth in the 100 yard dash at 10.4. Those two along with Wands and Jim Cardaropoli pulled out a sixth place medal in the 440 relay in 45.7.

For their efforts, Leclerc, Losito (shotput), Stratton, Lazazzera, and Bartnik earned tickets to the All-State Meet this Saturday at Boston College.

Stratton had the final say on the Western Mass championship. Riding in the front seat of the victory procession when leaving the Springfield College grounds, the happy senior yelled out the window, "This sure makes up for soccer and hockey." Enough said.

Giles Blazes To Second At WMass Track Meet**By Bob Hrycay**

Sophomore Venita Giles was the sunshine for the Agawam High girls' track and field squad amid the gloom and rain of the Western Mass. Championships at Springfield College on Memorial Day.

Giles blazed to second place with a clocking of 60.3 seconds in the 440 to earn her a trip to the All State Track and Field Meet at Boston College this Saturday.

Getting off to a strong start on the outside lane, Giles pressed Westfield's Beth Waddell the entire way, but the Bombers' ace came on top with her mark of 59.0.

"She came out of the blocks early which she doesn't usually do," said Coach Kathy Spellacy of Giles. "Potentially, Venita is a fantastic prospect," added Miss Spellacy.

But for the Division B champion Brownies, Giles' eight points was just about the entire show as they managed only 10 points on the day to finish 11th in the Division I team standings.

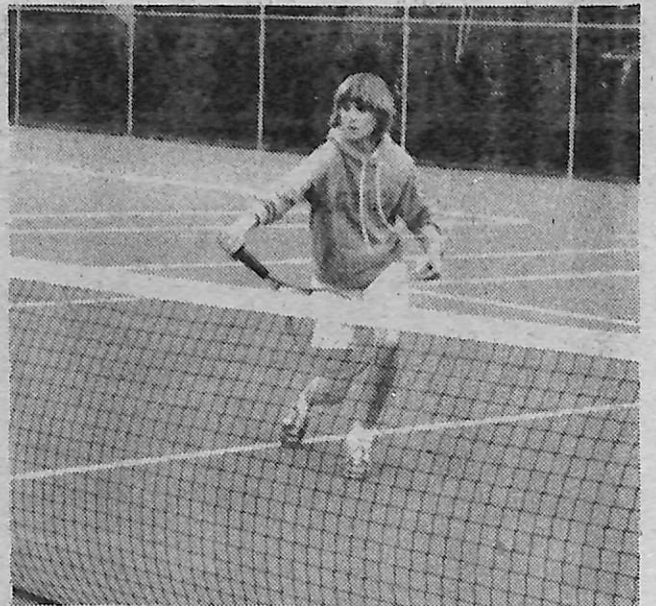
Sophomore Tonya Hart and Shelly Merchant gave the locals some respect in the 440 relay, 100 yard dash and the long jump.

Hart scorched the blacktop to erase a wide margin that the Brownies' 440 relay team had trailed and Merchant carried the stick the rest of the way to break the tape in first. The team's 53.9 was good for a fifth place tie overall.

In the 100, Merchant, who's bound for Mount Holyoke in the fall, won her trial heat in a personal best time of 12.0 seconds. Hindered by a false start in the finals, her time of 12.4 seconds captured a sixth place medal.

A girl who's been a track performer since the fourth grade, Merchant smiled and lamented, "I didn't think I'd make it to the finals so I guess I'm happy."

And as part of her busy day, Merchant, seeded 10th in the long jump, captured seventh in the finals at 15.0 feet.



WEST GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENT HEIDI NACHTIGALL completed a very successful spring campaign as the Brownies' number one singles player. Photo courtesy Agawam High Sachem Staff.

Brownies Girls Finish Spring Season At 5-11

"We were competitive with everyone and the kids improved and had fun," said Mary Wolochowicz, coach of the Agawam High girls tennis team which completed its 1983 season last week with a 5-11 record.

Seeing their final court action for the Brownies were Heidi Nachtigall, Diane Bolson, Marissa Scibelli, Beth O'Donnell, and Debbie White.

Nachtigall, an exchange student from West Germany, filled the number one singles spot with style and grace this spring. Heidi completed the season as the team's top winner despite being hobbled by a knee injury in the latter part of the season.

Bolson and Scibelli along with O'Donnell and White were the Brownies doubles mainstays. They came on strong near the end of the season, recording wins in a 3-2 loss to Classical last week. In their seasonal finale, the Brownies were whitewashed by Chicopee Comp.

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Sacred Heart AA 11-12 HIGHLIGHTS

May 23 - The Twins defeated the Red Sox 12-10. Chris Caron relieved Bill Moccio to preserve the win. B.J. Massoia had a homer and Tim Burns collected two hits and scored two runs. Jeff Chapdelaine and Shawn St. Jacques also contributed to the attack. Jamie Bartnik and John Prendergast played well for the Twins.

May 24 - The Red Sox defeated the Orioles, 5-0. Mitch Noracjewski and B.J. Massoia along with John Regish led the defense. Chris Caron pitched an outstanding game for the winners. Peter Vecchiarelli hurled well in a losing cause. The Red Sox are now 5-0-1.

May 26 - The Padres defeated the Orioles by a close margin of 10-7. Adam Conway hit a three-run homer. Donald Gibson did a fine job in the outfield and Eric Burnett threw a good game on the mound.

Ruth Borgatti Golf Tourney Slated For June 12th

On Sunday, June 12th the 9th Annual Golf Tourney will be held at the Agawam Country Club in memory of Ruth Borgatti who succumbed of scleroderma in 1973.

Her husband Gubby and friends have formed a chapter of the Scleroderma International Foundation called the Agawam Scleroderma Club to raise funds for research of this dreaded disease. Any contributions of checks can be made out to the Agawam Scleroderma Club, which will then be brought to S.I.F. on October 3rd at the national meeting in New Castle, PA and turned over to the scientists of different universities who are researching this disease for a cause and a cure.

The donation for this tourney is \$20 per person and will include green fees, prizes and a dinner to be held at

the Agawam Country Club. Reservations can be made to Gubby Borgatti, 45 High Street, Agawam, 786-2834 or at the Agawam Country Club at 786-2194. Anyone wishing to donate prizes can call Gubby.



Dartmouth was the only college in New England to remain open during the entire Revolutionary War.

Luigi's Under-10's Cop Tournament 1st Place

The Agawam Soccer Association under-10 girls' team sponsored by Luigi's Auto Body entered its first tournament last weekend and came out winning first place in their division. These girls earned every bit of the honor due them by playing five hard-fought games in three days.

On Saturday, they opened with a 1-0 victory over the Framingham Unicorns with Susan Christian tallying the lone goal of the game.

A little over an hour later, the girls were back on the field again to defeat Dollard Mosquitoes from Canada 3-0. Excellent play from Katie Burns, Lisa Tassone, and Emily Anspach aided in the shutout.

On Sunday, Luigi's played their hardest game and tied the state-tournament bound Natick Dynamites 1-1. Great play came from Monica Danio, Kristin Wing, Barbara Dobise, and Melissa Luttrell.

Two hours later, the team beat the Framingham Hurricanes 1-0 on a goal by Denise Landry, which was set up by Tracie Dimascola. Also contributing key play in this game were Denise Douglas, Sharon Phaneuf, and Danielle Grise.

In Monday action, Luigi's finished it off with a 3-0 victory over the always-tough 16 Acres Lions. Super performances were exhibited by Brie Cosgrove and Kristin Alechny.

Coach John Cosgrove would like to extend his personal thanks to all of the parents who came out with terrific support to the team.

Pioneer Valley Soccer Games In Town This Week

- Sat., June 4:** Under-14 Richie's, AJHS, 9 a.m.
Under-12 Cobras, AJHS, 10:30 a.m.
Under-10 Luigi's girls, AJHS, 11:45 a.m.
Under-12, Teddy Bear girls, AJHS, 1 p.m.
Under-12 Polish Club girls, AJHS, 2:15
- Sun., June 5:** Under-19 Christo's boys, AMS, 9 a.m.
Under-19 Teddy Bear girls, AMS, 10:30
- Mon., June 6:** Under-19 Christo's, AMS, 5:30 p.m.
Under-19 Teddy Bear girls, AMS, 6:45 p.m.
- Tues., June 7:** Under-10 Luigi's girls, AMS, 5:30
Under-12 Teddy Bear girls, AMS, 6:30

Senator Melconian Sets Mixed Doubles Tennis

State Senator Linda Melconian will be sponsoring the first "Senator Melconian Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament" on Saturday and Sunday, June 11th and 12th at the Westwick Racquet Club on Tannery Road in Southwick.

Entrance fee is \$15 per doubles team and no entry will be considered without pre-registration. All entries should be forwarded by June 9th at midnight. Forward all entries to Senator Melconian Tournament, Westwick Racquet Club, Tannery Road, Southwick, MA 01077. Telephone 569-3992. Please include \$15 for your doubles team with entry. Include name, address and phone of both players.

Please make checks payable to Senator Linda Melconian Committee.

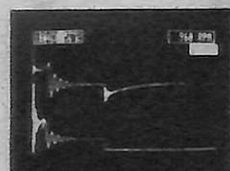
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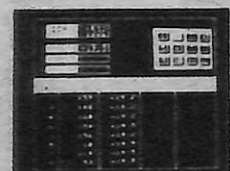
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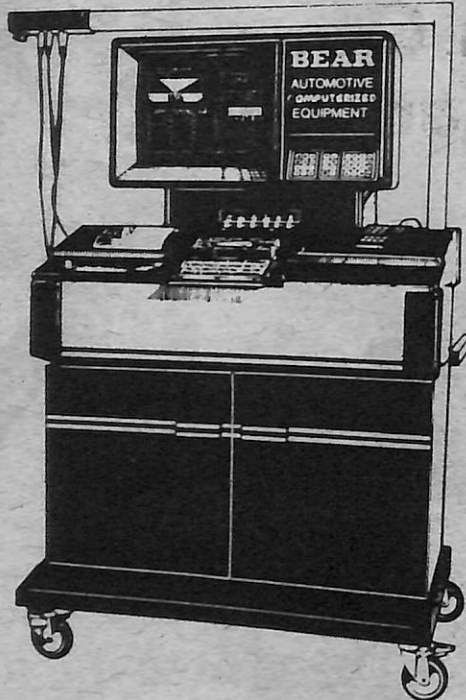
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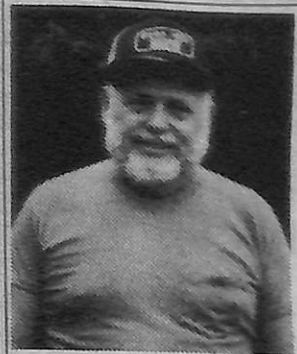
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Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

June 6-12 Named National Fishing Week

June 6th to 12th is declared National Fishing Week and the slogan is "Take A Kid Fishing." Fishing is an all-family sport. Placing no requirement on age or physical condition, fishing is a healthy outdoor pastime which offers something for everyone from the youngest beginner to grand and great grandparents and seniors seeking productive outdoor recreation.

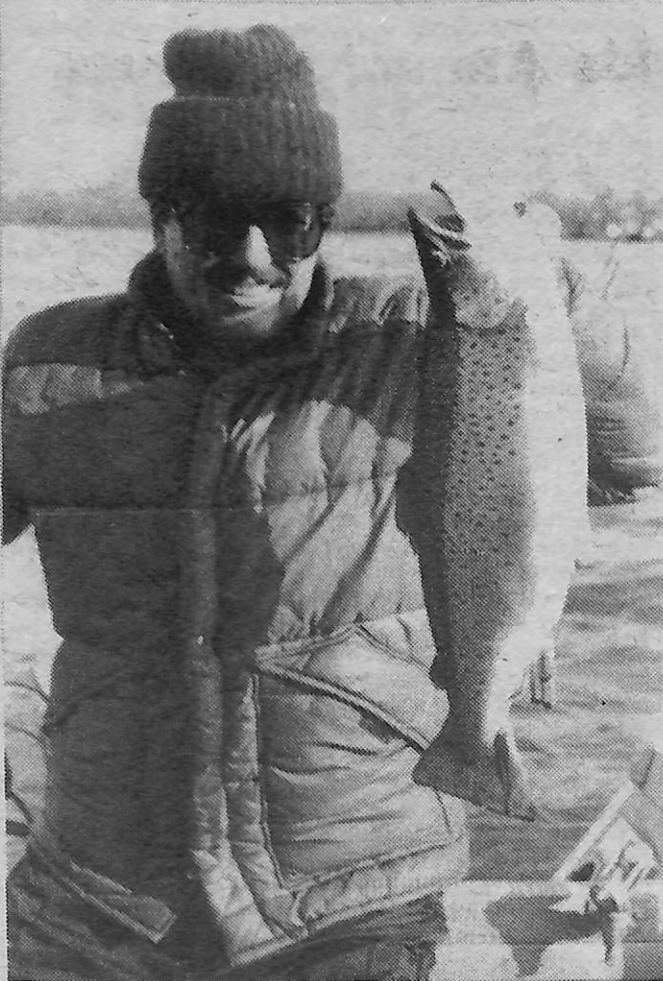
Last year the largest brook trout taken in Massachusetts was landed by a 3-year-old angler! Fishing is far less expensive than boating, biking or skiing and it is fun. All that is required is a fishing license and a rod and reel. The license cost in Massachusetts is \$12.50 per year; \$6.50 for anglers 15 to 17; and no cost for anglers under 15 or over 70.

According to figures released by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, nearly 250,000 anglers enjoyed Massachusetts ponds and streams in 1981 and an unnumbered group of anglers made use of coastal and deep-sea opportunities. But only 10,000 youngsters purchased junior fishing licenses which leads to speculation that perhaps the children of today's over-busy parents do not have the opportunity to fish or may never have had a chance to learn how. It could happen to a boy or a girl you know. It is already happening to a lot of children I know.

The Division of Fisheries and Game created the trend we are in now by opting to have fishing remain open for 12 months of the year and abolished the opening day excitement. Youngsters, when the weather started to change to warm days, commenced pestering their fathers and mothers about going fishing for trout on opening day.

New rods and reels were purchased. Marinas were approached for renting boats for that auspicious event. The local lakes were loaded with boats and everybody was having a good time. The most important thing that materialized on opening day (I know for I was part of the fishing on opening day) was a close companionship with Dad and that look of understanding and love from Mom when we arrived home with or without trout. The stories the kids told in school of that important day in their lives were many and varied. Some teachers capitalized on the day and had the students write essays or compositions about opening day of the fishing season.

Now it is a case of out of sight, out of mind. Dick Cronin, Director of the Division of Fisheries and Game is very hard-headed about re-instating opening day. He is getting flack from all over the state and still insists on seeing facts and figures before he will even consider



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it. I think it is now time for the owners of marinas and sporting goods stores to go to their respective legislators and see if pressure from that front will make a difference. I predict that an opening day again will triple the sale of junior fishing licenses statewide.

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Agawam Boys Tennis Hits "Breakthrough"

By Bob Hrycay

As Coach Dick Cowles says, 1983 will go down as a breakthrough year in Agawam High boys tennis.

Posting identical 4-1 wins over Tech and Chicopee last week, the Brownie racquetmen finished their season with an 8-7 mark in Division B, their first winning mark in many years. A rainshortened 3-0 loss to Division A power West Springfield gave the locals an 8-9 overall mark.

At presstime Wednesday, Agawam's doubles combinations of Mark Sessions and Mark Schmidt along with Don Lancour and Greg Riberdy were squaring off in the Western Mass. Doubles Tournament at Amherst College.

On Tuesday, singles entries Steve Oberle, Bob DeSimone and Mike Jemiolo all went down to defeat, with DeSimone falling in the second round.

At Chicopee's Szot Park last Thursday, the Brownies were powered by two singles and doubles wins, apiece. In singles play, Dennis Julio fell to Oberle, 6-1, 6-3 while DeSimone put the aces to Mike Brzezowski, 6-0, 6-3, sweeping the final six games of the second set.

Jemiolo, a frosh who appears ticketed for future stardom, fell to Mike Hurst, 2-6, 5-7, but Cowles liked the way his youngster bounced back to even the second set at 5-5 after falling behind, 1-5.

In the number one doubles match, Lancour and Mike Larouche defeated Jay Benoit and Steve Gelinas in identical 6-2 sets. Number two doubles duo Schmidt and Sessions downed Kevin Coulter and Paul Urban by consecutive 7-5 scores.

At Van Horn Park the Brownies whipped the lowly Tigers, behind singles wins turned in by Oberle and Riberdy. Lancour and Larouche teamed up for a doubles win, while frosh Bob Coelln and John Kova'ski triumphed as well, 6-7, 6-2, and 6-4.

DeSimone topped the Brownies with a 10-5 individual mark as the number two singles, while Oberle, who faced the top iron in Western Mass., netted an 8-9 individual mark. Schmidt and Sessions (6-6) and swingman Larouche (6-4) were the other mainstays. Coelln (2-1) and Kovalski (2-0) were bright additions.

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Varsity Nine Takes Lancers In Best Outing Of Season, 5-2

By Bob Hrycay

In what has been a season of disappointment, Tuesday's contest can be marked down as the day the pop came back to Agawam High baseball.

Senior Boo Smith, a sensation on the mound last year, fired a four-hitter and fanned 12 to lead the locals to a 5-2 road victory over Longmeadow on Tuesday.

The Brownies took a 4-11 overall record (3-8 in the league) into Northampton on Wednesday (presstime). The locals complete their season at East Longmeadow Thursday, at home with Cathedral on Monday, and finally with South Hadley on Tuesday.

Smith was on fire against the highly-regarded Lancers. "He was really popping today. His fastball must have been in the 90 mile per hour range," Coach Gerry Smith observed.

It was the younger Smith's best outing of the year by far. He picked up his first victory of the tough spring in keeping the Lancers off-stride the entire way.

The Lancers, who came into the game in a first place tie with Minnechaug in Division B, nicked Smith for single tallies in the first and second frames before the Brownie rightly slammed the door the rest of the way.

Agawam's bats got rolling in a four-run fourth, keyed by a two run single by catcher Ron Wieners, who is still hovering around the .400 batting mark. Left fielder Paul Koretz also cracked an RBI single to spark the attack.

The Brownies finished with 10 hits, with first sacker Rocky Bush and Wieners collecting two each. As a measure of revenge, the locals did their clubbing off Lancer righty Jim Walker who no-hit Agawam at Harmon Smith Field three weeks ago. As the win over the Lancers proves, Smith's crew haven't lay down and played dead despite their series of anxieties and frustrations.

Smith remarked, "The spirit is still good. We haven't been beaten badly this season. It's just that all of our luck has been bad luck."

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TRACK SIDE

By Julie Ferioli

There was a full night of racing last Saturday, the 28th, at the Riverside Park Speedway. First up was the second race of the Manchester Twin 40's, which had been postponed from last weekend. The event ended with a spectacular photo finish that was declared to be the closest ever in the history of the park.

The two drivers who were involved in this controversial matter were Agawam's Marty Radewick and Stan Greger. Radewick, who had started the event in the pole position, was leading Greger going into the fourth turn. Greger then took advantage of the lapped cars and squeezed by Radewick. Since it was anyone's guess as to who the true winner was, the decision was left to the official scorers, who ruled in favor of Greger.

Taking third place was Mike Stefanik, followed by Brian Ross and Reggie Ruggerio. As with last week, bonuses were given to the first, fifth, tenth, fifteenth, and twentieth place finishers.

In the regular feature, major accidents dominated most of the racing action. Fortunately, however, Lady Luck was with the drivers, as none of them were severely injured.

During the first qualifying heat, Reggie Ruggerio spun in the second turn area. Jack Lecuyer then tried to get by him, but instead landed right on top of Ruggerio's car. Luckily, there was no damage done to either car. In the third heat, Bruce D'Allesandro hit the armco barrier in turn one quite hard and suffered severe damage.

At the start of each feature event, all qualified cars are required to weigh in and then take their place on

the starting grid within a certain time limit. Ruggerio, Charlie Glazier, Frank Mnich, Wade Cole, and Dick Trainer learned this the hard way, as they were each penalized for late arrival and had to start the race at the back of the pack.

Lap 4 proved to be the longest and unluckiest lap of the evening. It all started when Ruggerio spun out in turn one. Then on the restart, Marty Radewick and Bob Polverari spun in turn three and made contact. Damage was minor and both cars rejoined the race.

At this time, S.J. Evonsion was the leader, with Brian Ross in second. On the next restart, however, Evonsion took the fourth turn wide, which forced Ross into the wall. This caused Ross to spin and collide with Don DesRochers on the front straightaway. He then looked up to find DesRochers' front tire only a few inches from his face. Shortly thereafter, a fight broke out between Evonsion and Ross, who had the support of the crowd. It was later announced that Evonsion was disqualified for rough riding.

The final caution of the event came on lap 16 when Brett Bodine spun due to some type of liquid on the track. He was then hit from behind by Bob Polverari and Ed Kennedy whose cars were locked together in the form of the letter H.

The eventual winner of the race was once again Stan Greger. Behind him were Ray Miller, Mike Stefanik, Marty Radewick, and Bodine. Fran Colson was the winner in the pro stock division, followed by Jim Libby and Eddie Lavoie.

This weekend's schedule includes the 2nd annual Dave Furioni Memorial event to be held at Riverside on Saturday, June 4th. Racing fans will sadly remember Furioni, who died in an accident at Riverside in April 1982. In addition, Stafford will hold the 10th annual Winston 100 on Friday night. The race was originally scheduled for last weekend, but was again postponed due to rain.

Agawam Little League Highlights

SENIORS

May 23 - The Yankees outscored the Orioles, 19-2. MIKE VAN VALKENBURG and RICK FERRY hit well for the Orioles in a losing effort. The Orioles' defeat came from 16 walks and eight hits allowed. Van Valkenburg will be in the dugout for a few games as a result of five stitches on the chin after a collision at home plate.

May 24 - The Red Sox whitewashed the Dodgers, 10-0. The game was all Red Sox. Defensive gems turned in by TONY CICHETTI and JEFF GOVONI helped the winners' cause. The Red Sox had back-to-back five run innings sparked by clutch hitters MIKE NICORA and FRANK MOCCIO. The Sox also did not make an error all night.

May 25 - The Yankees again defeated the Orioles, this time by an 8-5 count. Yankee hurler LANCE BUONICONTI gave a strong performance, with good relief coming from brother NICK. Helping the Yanks in the field were JIM MALONEY, DARRIN HILL, and MIKE PAROLO. MIKE EGAN produced two hits for the losers. TOM WALZ put the icing on the cake in the sixth as he conneted with his second hit of the night to drive in the runs. CHRIS WHITE gave the Orioles something to cheer about as he slammed his second homer over the left field fence.

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May 25 - The Dodgers again came up losers, this time to the Red Sox, 8-2. The Sox gathered 10 hits in six innings. First inning hitters for the Sox were singles by MIKE DILULLO, TONY CICHETTI, and BOB MCMULLEN. The Dodgers breathed some life into the game by tying things in the third.

MAJORS

May 23 - The Indians clubbed the Dodgers, 11-5. The losers' five runs came in the second after a long single by RICK DILULLO for 2 RBI's and three runs in the sixth due to walks. SCOTT MERTZ and MARC CALVANESE did some nice fielding for the Dodgers. BOB CAMPBELL and GLEN HOWARD each shared the mound for two innings. TRAVIS HYLAND and DAVE SHEEHAN had key hits for the Indians.

May 25 - The Red Sox defeated the Orioles, 6-3. CRAIG LEPPER's strong three innings of pitching was very successful. MIKE BOREY had a triple for the Orioles followed by singles by CHRIS MAHONEY and MIKE PELLEGRINO.

May 26 - The Dodgers barely defeated the Red Sox, 9-8. A hot second inning was started by Dodger RYAN WELCH with a solid single into center. DAVE LAUDATO and first sacker Welch each had two hits. BOB CAMPBELL pitched four strong innings. DAN BUBIEN had two hits and a walk for the loers. JOE SMELTZER went to first each time he went to bat with three walks and being hit by a pitch.

May 28 - The Yankees defeated the Dodgers, 9-8. The game was tied going into the final frame before the Yankees, undefeated in the first round, came out the winner. JASON ZABIK hit a single up the middle to score MIKE CLEAVALL for the go-ahead run. MATT MCLEAN did a fine job with an appearance behind the plate for the winners. LARRY SHEEHAN pitched five innings for the Dodgers, four of them strong. DARREN BROWN banded a triple while MIKE MELANSON smashed a two-run homer for the Yankees and JIM LONGHI crunched a grand slam for the Dodgers.

May 28 - The Red Sox outlasted the Orioles, 22-15 in a wild affair. GUS FUERBACK and BRENT GODEK each collected two hits and two RBIs. JESSE CASINGHINO played a fine centerfield for the Orioles.

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